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NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LADIES'

Seamen's Friend Society,

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO:
"MINING AND SCIENTIFIC PRESS" BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1865.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This society shall be called "THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the society shall be to relieve ship wrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustices to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement.

ARTICLE III.

The business of the society shall be controlled by a Board of Female Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, upon a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected, consisting of a First and Second Directress, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer and twenty Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Board at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect five persons, from their number, to act with the first and second Directresses, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, as Trustees; also, to elect seven gentlemen as Counselors, four of whom shall be or shall have been, shipmasters.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The Board shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Directress, with the concurrence of two Managers—seven constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws; fill any vacancy that may occur in the number of Trustees, Counselors, or in their own body, between the annual elections, make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no purchase, sale, lease, or mortgage of real estate, shall be made or taken by said Board, without the approval of the majority of the Board of Counselors certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Counselors to elect a President and Secretary: also, to advise the Board of Managers, from time to time, in reference to its business transactions. The President and Secretary shall examine and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Committees; and, at the expiration of their term of office, to hand over to their successors, all moneys, books, papers, and other property in their possession belonging to the society.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the First Directress to preside at all meetings of the Board; in case of her absence, the Second Directress; or, in the event of both being absent, the Board shall elect a Directress *pro tem.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society, under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both life and annual members, the names of donors, the amount of donation and subscription, and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society, or Board, at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees all moneys entrusted to her care, and once in three months present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She shall be required to give a receipt for all the moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on the Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by first or second Directress and one Manager.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at all the meetings of the Board; keep a record of the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; conform scrupulously to the By-Laws the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interests of the society.

SEC. 2. All Officers and Managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers, and other property in their possession belonging to the society.

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Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society,

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PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

In submitting their report, they wish to express that they do so with renewed encouragement. It has been thought strange, by some, that women should ever have supposed they could benefit the sailor, but knowing that several of the first Homes for seamen in the Eastern States were established by women, they were encouraged to make the effort, and feel that their labors have been blessed.

In the year 1857, this Society opened their Sailors' Home, for the reception and benefit of seamen of all nations arriving at this port. They contemplated from the first a permanent institution of sufficient magnitude to meet the increasing commerce of the city, but such was the absolute necessity for a place of protection for seamen at that time, that they felt compelled to open a Home at once, in a leased tenement. They had the earnest wishes of the best portion of the community with them; and, if they were over sanguine in their expectations of having long before this, a good substantial building of their own, creditable to the State, and beneficial to the seafaring and mercantile classes, they are consoled by the reflection, that their disappointment does not proceed from any failure in a practical direction of their enterprise, nor from want of public assent, to its utility and necessity; but owing to the many calls for aid in establishing other benevolent interests, and the fluctuating and changeable condition of California society. Happily a great change has taken place within the last two or three years; people are now choosing their homesteads and settling down as Californians, and a public spirit of a more stable and far-sighted character is developing. It is under these happier auspices that they now hope to achieve that for which they have prayed and labored, through nine years of California life, viz: the erection of a public edifice for the purposes of a Sailor's Home in this city. In view of what they have accomplished, they are greatly encouraged; ten thousand eight hundred and seventy-one boarders' names have been registered on their books since they opened a Home for their reception, only a tithe to be sure of what now arrives in this port yearly, but yet a good return for their limited accommodations. Over one hundred letters are received monthly, for seamen from all parts of the world; drafts are procured for seamen, by our Superintendent, on the principal banking cities of the Eastern States, Great Britain, and the continent of Europe, for the benefit of their families. Letters of enquiry from parents, relatives and friends of seamen, are constantly being received and answered from the Home; we thus feel that irrespective of the direct charities to the homeless and destitute, that they are fulfilling a duty which could not be neglected without a serious loss to the community.

Let us state also that the establishment of a Sailors' Home conflicts with no legitimate branch of industry, honestly pursued. If these Homes were judged by the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number, a verdict would be frankly given in their favor, not only as regards seamen, but also in respect to the salutary influences upon those whose business they would seem to monopolize, viz: the boarding-house keepers. It is well known that many men have entered into that business with the purest intentions, who have either been ruined by the vices of their boarders, or forced to take advantage of them; and it was here, wherein lay the cause of the failure of the small boarding-house system, attempted to be established in the early efforts for the improvement of sailors.

The seamen had to be raised and fitted by patient judicious effort, to be qualified for boarding in private houses, and it is one of the most prominent testimonies to the efficiency of Sailors' Homes, that wherever they have been established for a few years, private boarding-houses of good character gradually grow up around them. The work of Sailors' Homes then is progressive in character, and we feel thankful that so many men are now to be found in private boarding-houses or under their own roof-tree, who are willing to attest that they owe their retrieved manhood and temporal comfort, aye! and eternal hope, to the helping aid of Sailors' Homes.

In the limited compass of a report, there is little space for historical details, still it would be interesting to note the origin and development of these benevolent enterprises. One class, for caring for the sick, wounded and infirm, long preceeded the others, they only met the want just at hand, and were characteristic of the age that produced them, in which society buried itself in making provision for the fruits of its social corruptions, but had not arrived at a practical conviction, that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure; and gradually, religious efforts were made to reach *Jack*. At first desultory, not hopefully, nor well advised; good people evidently felt that they had a rough customer to deal with, of varied humors, and they unconsciously betrayed a doubt themselves, whether the Gospel could live beyond five fathoms of water. Their efforts ultimately, ripened into organized societies, devoted to the conversion of seamen; but, as Dr. Guthrie remarked, respecting the poor children he sought to benefit, by the establishment of ragged schools, nothing could be done unless the gulf which yawned between them and education, was bridged by a loaf of bread; so, it was soon made evident, that but little could be done effectively towards Christianising the mass of seafaring men, unless boarding-houses were provided upon a model plan, where they would be well cared for physically, protected from impositions and vile associations, and enjoy the influence of a wholesome atmosphere; their crushed and battered manhood so inspirited, that society might hopefully expect them to perform their duties to themselves, their friends, their country and their God. It is a fact deserving of notice that in the two great maritime nations, viz: the United States and Great Britain, the necessity of furnishing good boarding-houses for their seamen appears to have claimed public attention about the same time, and in both countries in connection with religious efforts on their behalf, the experiment was first tried to establish a number of small houses, but it proved a failure, and the effort was finally concentrated in establishing the useful and beneficient institution, peculiarly styled a Sailors' Home. We find the first Sailors' Home was erected in London in the year 1835, capable of affording accommodation for three hundred boarders; the Queen Dowager of William the Fourth, furnished at her own expense the last dormitory, and directed by a codicil in her will, that her remains should be carried to the grave by *sailors*. With the establishment of this institution, a new era dawned upon the British sailor; it was an act of tardy justice to the men who were emphatically called the "nation's glory." The flag that "braved the battle and the breeze," was the theme of song and story, while the hardy men who bore it had been neglected and forgotten. The merchants of Liverpool, erected soon after, a building for a Home, which is esteemed one of the architectural ornaments of the city, and which was publicly opened for the reception of seamen by his late Royal Highness, Prince Albert, in person. No considerable seaport in Great Britain or her Colonies, but is esteemed in a normal condition without its Sailors' Home, and had we space, we might name those established during the last twenty years on the continent of Europe, India, and China.

But let us return to our own "loved native land," which is second to none in point of time or extent of liberality, in erecting such harbors of refuge for her mariners. We will not enter into a detailed account of the many well managed and greatly successful "Homes" in the Eastern States. The first one was established in Charleston, South Carolina; the next at Portland, Maine; followed successively at Boston, Portsmouth, Baltimore, Providence, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Wilmington, New Haven, and San Francisco. These establishments are conducted all upon the same principles, modified in their management to their respective localities. We are free to assert, that there is no class of public institutions supported by local enterprise, that can be more properly termed national establishments, in respect to their character and object, than Sailor's Homes. They not only subserve the interests of the community at large, but there is not a State in the Union, however remotely inland, nor a grade of social status, from the domestic hearth of the millionaire to the fireside of the day-laborer, but what has its representative in some long hoped for wanderer at the table of these Homes. Their claims have not by any means been overlooked by State Legislatures. In the year 1843, the State of New York donated eleven thousand dollars for the establishment of a Sailors Home; and similar appropria-

tions in money or land, has been made by city corporations or State legislatures in other places. Honolulu gave the most eligible building lot in their city as a site for a Home; may we not reasonably expect the city of San Francisco to do as much for the mariner who visits her shores?

In our appeal for the sailor, we have no desire to excite a mere sentimental sympathy for poor Jack, by losing sight of the veritable man, in dramatic coloring, or of the scenes in his eventful life. In somewhat of the spirit and words of an able author, we would ask you what you think of the sailor, whose home is on the "mountain deep;" what of the bona fide Tar of flesh and blood and nerves? No creature of the imagination; wet to the skin in spite of his well oiled coat, blinded with rain, wind and salt water, that batter on his hard, weather-beaten face, hauling thick, wet or frozen ropes through his cracked hands, holding on for his life to a swinging yard, as he tries to reef a sail that flaps and shakes as if possessed by a demon of angry passion, and who, hardly able to hear the voice of his officer, roaring through the speaking trumpet in the gale, yet replies cheeringly, aye, aye, sir! So, good landsman, what are your thoughts of him? Do you ever think of him, who is thus in the midst of the breakers roaring in the gale, or who, day and night, is at the risk of his life, spreading the thousand sails which waft your goods or your friends in safety to their destined haven? When the wintry storm rolls over your dwelling, shaking doors and windows, and screaming down the chimneys as it sweeps onward to join the battle with the midnight sea against those lonely homes upon the deep—say, what carest thou for poor Jack? A wild night! Only hear it? You perhaps mutter, who if roused to a sense of the danger, express a hope that the chimney-top may not be blown down, or that the windows are securely fastened. Yet, if your boy is at sea, you are, I take it, rather sleepless, and the mother's eyes are wide open, staring out into the darkness, and her thoughts are troubled, like the sea by the storm, and if she ever prayed in her life for her sailor-boy, she does now, and finds peace in the hope that her cry ascends far above the region where the "stormy tempests blow," even up to the "Throne of Him, who holds the winds and waves in the hollow of his hand;" so, it would sometimes be with us all, I think, if we cared for the sailor as a brother.

The sailor's life whether afloat or on shore, is a trying one: it is one of constant change. He changes his ship, his destination, his master, and messmates, almost every voyage. In such circumstances anything like friendship or wholesome, genial influence from society is impossible; afloat, he is alone amid a crowd of strangers in his ocean home, without an anchor for his heart, and with little to occupy any part of his being, except his feet and hands; his voyage is generally dreamy and monotonous, and but for occasional storms, and the art of being always busy it would be intolerable, deprived as he generally is of books, amusement or recreation of any kind, and too often without the education which would enable him to enjoy books, if he possessed them. On shore, it is still worse for him: he lands perhaps upon a pestilential coast, on the banks of some river teeming with disease, among a heathen, savage or strange people, whose language he cannot understand, and whose morals are by no means improving, or if he lands in a so called Christian country, just think of the population that gather around him, and of the circumstances in which he finds himself when he steps on shore; his life for months previously, combined with his mental and moral training, is calculated to produce a violent reaction, wind and tide carrying him toward the rocks, and he is furnished with very little power to resist the impetus: without a friend to meet or welcome him, without an object to give him rational interest, or innocent amusement; he is let loose among strangers with idle hours to spend, and an idle purse to empty, and at once surrounded by the basest of the population, and dragged alas! not unwillingly to the vilest dens of dissipation, there to be robbed and ruined. It is very probable that you, who read this report, merchant, artisan, or professional gentleman, matron or maiden, have never seriously considered the condition of sea-faring men; you may have watched the lofty ship, gradually diminishing to a small speck on the horizon, as she pursues her solitary and trackless way; the owners, the shippers, the items in the manifest are all known, her destination, clearance, and departure are duly chronicled in the daily papers; the captain's name is familiar, but who knows aught of what are termed significantly enough, the hands, "her crew," she is waiting for "a crew," she has shipped "a crew," and has sailed; "crew lost," is that all that is known of them? Yet, most of those sailors within those wooden walls, are the centre of a circle, smaller or greater of human hearts, to whom their life or death, their prosperity or adversity, would in some degree, change the world and make it more sunny or dark. There is also a portion in every ship who are bound by no ties to the land, except a low lodging-house and its miserable inmates. You would be astonished to hear, as *we have*, how little many of these know of their own early years; their memory is filled up with records of voyages in different ships, to different parts of the world,

pursued with sullen indifference or passive suffering, except when enjoying themselves on shore, among the horrid haunts of "sports" and land sharks; there was no mother, sister, or friend to rejoice when they returned to port, or weep if they were never heard from more. Many people, says the author, to whom we have already alluded, (and who most ardently sympathises with the progress of seamen,) have come to think that the sailor is doomed; that for him a sober, righteous, godly life was never intended, and is but the dream of sanguine philanthropists. It was but the other day that a highly respectable Christian, who would have been alarmed, if his boy had missed the Sabbath-school on a Sunday, remarked, very coolly, as some sailors, with bronzed faces, staggered past him, and one lay helpless and bleeding on the pavement: "what a set of blackguards, but what else can we expect from sailors?" as though men who follow the sea had not a God to judge them, or souls to be saved or lost, as well as sinners who dwell on land, for whose conversion so much time and money is spent, and so many prayers offered.

And now, what has been done for those hardy sons of the ocean? We rejoice that we are able to enumerate as the fruits of benevolent enterprise on their behalf: Hospitals, Snug Harbors, Seamen's Friend Societies, Sea Missionaries, Bethels, Mariners' Churches, Sailors' Homes, Mariners' Houses, Seamen's Savings Banks, Marine Bible Societies, Public and Ships Libraries, all fulfilling their part in the great work of protecting, reforming and evangelizing the sailor. But the work in this city has scarcely began. Let us not forget our noble-hearted seamen, who the hour of our nation's trouble, have acted such a noble, self-sacrificing, and heroic part in our struggle for freedom, and who have so often planted the glorious old flag over fallen treason.

We have delayed our effort to build on account of the many calls upon the benevolent for our sick and wounded soldiers and sailors, who are battling in defense of our country, as well as for home charities. We now feel that the time is at hand when we can confidently appeal to the friends of the cause to enable us to build a Sailor's Home, which shall be an ornament to this city, and meet the growing wants of commerce.

To our efficient Superintendent, Capt. J. F. Stewart, we are under many obligations for the judicious management of the Home, under the charge of this Society, (for business of the Home, see Superintendent's Report, page 9.) To all our friends, who have aided or encouraged us, we tender our grateful thanks.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Managers,

MRS. A. E. A. HOLBROOK, *Secretary.*

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of said Society.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

—OF THE—

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society,

When you appointed me to be the Superintendent of your Institution, some two years ago, I was fully aware of your aim in maintaining a Sailors' Home, and somewhat practically acquainted, with the difficulties you had to encounter. Your design, was, to enable the sailor to benefit himself. When I accepted your appointment, I had to ask myself, in what practical way I could further that object? Librairies, reading-rooms, prayer-meetings, chaplains, and visitors have all been associated with Sailors' Homes, but how was the seaman to be treated in respect to these, that he might be benefitted by their influence, and not feel repelled by their presence? An answer to my inquiry I found in the practical, and unfortunately, most efficient workings of the groggery dens, and from which you wish to rescue the sailor. They do not force men directly to drink, to gamble, nor to plunge into dissipation; the liquor bar, the cards, the dice, boon companions, music and song, and every excitement to the indulgence of sensual appetite is there; but the victim is left to ensnare and ruin himself. Even, in "shanghaeing," the causes of direct coercion are comparatively few. The experienced crimp skilfully stimulates the impulses of the passions, and induces his dupe, to do all that he wishes, in the seeming freedom of his own will; hence it is, that people are sometimes astonished, when a sailor who has experienced most shameful treatment from a landlord, should yet on a return voyage, go back to him; but, the fact is, that we are all tardy enough to confess, that we have been over-reached, and Jack shoulders the blame of his mishaps and goes back, strong in the confidence that he will be more wide-awake this time. In this principle of indirect influence, I thought I found the cue, to the management of the Home, in respect to its moral influence. The ladder that reaches to the bottom of the pit, also reaches to the top. If association is powerful for evil, it is also powerful for good. Self effort, the capacity of the seaman to elevate himself, stand upon his own feet, transact his own business, fulfill his own obligations, and attest his own manhood, was to be cherished and developed by a healthy atmosphere, and genial sympathy.

What is required, therefore, for seamen, strangers to the port, is an establishment of sufficient character to inspire confidence, that neither their purse, nor their liberty shall be tampered with; further, that its arrangements and accommodations should be characterised by such a degree of neatness, order, and cleanliness, as would be calculated to inspire self-respect, in the inmates; while the business department should promote their pecuniary interests, by assisting and stimulating them to a provident disposition of their earnings; cultivating habits of economy and prudence; encouraging remittances to parents and relatives; supplying judicious counsel in the hundred and one cases, that daily occur of real and mistaken grievances, between the employer and employed; and, also affording them every facility for reshipping upon the vessels of their choice. To this, I must add, that while provision is being made for their physical and temporal necessities, ample room should be provided for, and encouragement given, to those special means of influence, which experience has proved to be most beneficial to their intellectual and spiritual improvement.

To the efficient working out of this idea of your Institution, there has been, and still are, serious hindrances. The present building is, certainly, an improvement upon the house occupied on Davis street, where I had often the mortification of seeing men brought to the door, by *runners*, who claimed, from the dilapidated appearance of the building, that what they had asserted, to them, was true, viz: that there was no Sailor's Home in San Francisco; and, they still maintain, with some ground of truth, that there is no public building or Institution, which can be called a Sailors' Home. It is unpleasant to observe seamen from such Institutions as those of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portland and others, chop-fallen and dubious as they contrast the appearance of your establishment with those magnificent places which they had left. They may discover by experience, that the

comforts of the Home, are not a whit inferior; and we certainly do the best of our ability, to inform them that the arrangements are only temporary, though with some of the older boarders, we earnestly ask, *when* the temporary is to give place to the permanent?

To be more specific, I would state that the principal want, is the deficiency of accommodation. You have only seventy-two beds in the house, and it takes fifty-seven boarders to meet current expenses. The monthly expenses of the house, exclusive of provision is $572. The ill adaptation of the building for your purpose is the principal reason of such an ill proportionate expense; the same number of employees and amount of fuel, and light, would be sufficient for double the number of boarders. Again, there is not adequate sitting-room, the men are all huddled in one place, and many, I have no doubt, feel that they could find more convenience, in some of the neighboring bar-rooms, than what we can, in our limited space afford them. In all Institutions of the kind, that I have seen, there are two places for the accommodation of the men; one where they can amuse themseves as they may; the other more select, containing the library, and used for religious and educational purposes. A hall of this character is absolutely necessary for your Home. You embrace more in your object than the simply caring for the physical needs of the seamen, yet the want of an adequate hall is a great obstacle in the way of benefitting them in any other way.

SUPERINTENDENT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1865.

Boarders registered during the year, 1,422.		
Gross amount of board charged		$16,726 84
Current expenses for the year	$15,298 20	
Charity account	300 00—	15,598 20
		1,128 64
Money temporary deposited, or placed to the credit of current accounts, in sums exceeding $50		$9,617 00

JAMES F. STEWART, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF THE

Treasurer and Purchasing Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 30TH, 1865.

MISS L. SMITH, Treasurer, MRS. G. CONKLING and MRS. L. A. AUSTIN, Purchasing Committee, in account with the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society:

DR.		CR.	
Cash paid for rent	$1,740 00	Cash balance March 31, 1864	$ 54 75
Printing Reports	40 00	Collection at Annual Meeting	108 40
Sheeting	75 86	For Annual Memberships	140 00
Table Linen	26 40	Donations	67 00
Furniture and Bedding	186 72	From Superintendent of Home for rent	1,780 00
Books for Library	66 05	Sale of furniture	7 50
Ledger	8 25		
Aid to Superannuated Sailor	10 00		
Incidentals	2 82		
Amount cash on hand	1 55		
Total	$2,157 65	Total	$2,157 65

MRS. L. D. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

MRS. G. W. CONKLING, }
MRS. L. A. AUSTIN, } *Purchasing Committee.*

I have compared the above report with the vouchers, and find it to be correct.

LEWIS PECK, *Examining Committee.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. Any person may become an annual member of the society by the payment of five dollars, and the sum of fifty dollars shall constitute a life membership.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in the deliberations of the society.

ARTICLE IX.

The society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of April, of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity.

ARTICLE X.

Any amendment to the Constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by sixteen of the Board at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same; *provided*, the amendment refer to no appropriation of the funds of the society, other than those specified in this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month, at such place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

1st.—The meeting shall be opened with reading of Scripture and by prayer. 2d.—Reading the Minutes. 3d.—Unfinished Business and Reports of Committees. 4th.—Appointments of New Committees. 5th.—Reports of Managers. 6th.—Reports of Home Committees, and presentation by them of the Matron's and Cashier's report as to the amount of groceries and other provisions used during the month, the number of day's board given to ship-wreckers and destitute seamen, the appointment of Visiting Committee for the ensuing month, and report of Committee on Applications.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of the members obtained by themselves—solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the society may be appointed on Committees, in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as Committees, must proceed from the Board, unless the Chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship-wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable Boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILORS' HOME," to appoint a Matron Cashier, and such other attendants as may be needed in said house, and in all cases to give the preference to employees to those connected with seamen

ARTICLE V.

A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty shall be to visit the SAILORS' HOME at least once a week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed, and proper economy studied. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first meeting after its annual meeting, to appoint two members of their Board to act as a Supply or Purchasing Committee, who shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the SAILORS' HOME; examine and sign the requisitions of the Matron; also, to receive the monthly report of the Cashier; take charge of and pay all bills incurred for its support after they have been accepted by the Board and see that they are properly entered in a book at the Home, returning the vouchers to the Secretary, and at a proper time, prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the society.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. It shall be their duty, also, to appoint a Committee on application, who shall have charge of the wardrobe for ship-wrecked and destitute seamen, who shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in, when wrecked; also the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and, when required, make a report to the society.

SEC. 2. The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees must be examined and signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Council. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment shall have been submitted in writing.

SAILOR'S HOME,

BATTERY STREET, COR. VALLEJO.

SAN FRANCISCO.

☞ Seamen arriving in this Port are informed that the above House has been fitted up by the LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, of the Port of San Francisco, and is now ready for the reception of Boarders. The House offers superior inducements to Seamen, having well-ventilated Bedrooms, Good Beds, and a large Reading Room, well supplied with Papers and Periodicals. Good Board, and every facility for Shipping.

J. F. STEWART,

SUPERINTENDENT.

☞ The Reading Room is Free to all Seamen.

REPORT FOR 1869-'70

OF THE

LADIES'

Seamen's Friend Society

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO:
SPAULDING & BARTO, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
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1870.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called "THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY" of the Port of San Francisco.

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute Seamen, and to protect Seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this Port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually, by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President Vice President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and ten Managers,

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect four gentlemen to act with the President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary, as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC 1.—The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers; five members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures, and by prayer.

SEC. 2 —The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body between the annual elections, make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty it shall be to examine and sign the Annual Report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Committees; and at the expiration of their term of office, to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers, and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; in case of her absence, the Vice President, and in the event of both the Board shall elect a President *pro tem.*

SEC 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society, under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members; the names of donors; the amount of donations and subscriptions, and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem* shall be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and once in three months present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all the moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on the Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President, Vice President, and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at all the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself, in every proper manner, to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office all moneys, books, papers, and other property in possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1 —Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of two and a half dollars, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership.

SEC. 2.—All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of April of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance measures shall be taken to insure its publicity.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refer to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the constitution.

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OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco

FOR 1869.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. P. A. WILLIAMSON.....PRESIDENT.
Mrs. A. E. A. BAKER.....VICE PRESIDENT.
Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT.....CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
Miss M. C. CLARK.....RECORDING SECRETARY.
Mrs. S. A. SMITH.....TREASURER.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. L. A. AUSTIN,
Mrs. C. D. KNIGHT,
Mrs. J. ROWLAND,
Mrs. WM. RILEY,
Mrs. C. WILEY,
Mrs. W. B. EWER,
Mrs. C. E. COGSWELL,
Mrs. C. A. KOHLER,
Mrs. C. L. WIGGIN,
Mrs. SHAW,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

J. W. STOW, ESQ.,
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT,
Mrs. L. A. AUSTIN, } Purchasing Committee.

Mrs. P. S. WILLIAMSON,
Mrs. S. A. SMITH, } On Applications.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR 1870.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. P. S. WILLIAMSON, President.....629 California Street.
Mrs. A. E. A. BAKER, Vice President.....47 Stanley Place.
Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT, Corresponding Secretary....1005 California Street.
Miss L. A. SMITH, Recording Secretary.....First Avenue, at Mission.
Mrs. S. A. SMITH, Treasurer.....Corner Utah and Sixteenth Streets.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. L. A. AUSTIN.....Clinton.
Mrs. C. D. KNIGHT.....1006 California Street.
Mrs. J. ROWLAND.....Corner White's Place and Bryant Street.
Mrs. W. T. RILEY.....1515 Sacramento Street.
Mrs. C. WILEY.....1221 Washington Street.
Mrs. C. E. COGSWELL.....610 Front Street.
Mrs. W. B. EWER.....Corner of Folsom and Twentieth Streets.
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Mrs. L. MERRILL.....914 Clay Street.

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REPORT

OF THE

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society,

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO,

From March 31*st*, 1868 *to March* 31*st*, 1870, *inclusive.*

In their last report, it will be remembered, the Board of Managers stated the fact that the SAILOR'S HOME had been given up to Capt. J. F. Stewart, their former Superintendent, thus relieving them of its care—giving them the opportunity of directing all their energies to building the long-needed "Sailor's Home." But on considering the matter, they felt satisfied that something should be done to afford more protection than the "Home" could do, under the most judicious administration. They accordingly turned their attention in a direction that bids fair to bring about the desired result. While they have been laboring for that object, they have not neglected the benevolent designs of the Society.

Ever since their organization, they have deeply felt the need of a law for the better protection of seamen on shore, and to ameliorate their condition while at sea. The frequent cases of brutal treatment of seamen, by the captains and officers on board American vessels, that were constantly be-

ing brought before our Courts, showed plainly that evils were on the increase, and that the Merchant Marine was fast becoming a disgrace to the Nation, and driving American seamen out of the service,—that "Sailor's Homes" could reach comparatively but a few, and that only while on shore, the multitude of seamen being in the hands of men whose interest it was to demoralize them, to make them a more easy prey; while the mode of shipping gave them complete power over their victims—thus a law regulating the shipping and discharging of seamen had become a national necessity.

The Society had waited anxiously from year to year, hoping that some of the friends of seamen, who had been longer in the field, with a larger experience, would take the matter in hand. At last they began to ask themselves the question: Might it not be a part of their work to do something in that direction? After consulting with some of the friends of the cause, they decided to memorialize Congress upon the subject. A committee which had been previously appointed to confer with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce in reference to building the Sailor's Home, were authorized to add to their number, and take such action as they deemed proper. Mr. J. W. Stow, Esq., Capt. C. L. Wiggin and Dr. L. Peck, were added to their committee. A memorial was prepared and submitted to the Board, which was approved and the committee instructed to have two hundred copies printed, of which the following is a copy:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled.

The Petition and Memorial of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, and their Board of Counsel and others, of the City of San Francisco:

Would represent, that the mode of shipping and discharging Seamen engaged in the mercantile marine of the United States is a matter of such importance to Ship Owners, Officers and Seamen, and to the Mercantile Interest generally, as to demand the interference and legislative action of Government.

The evils that require remedying are—

1st. That whilst the Captain of the vessel is the only person recognized by law as the party qualified to make an engagement with seamen for his in-

tended voyage, the business of selecting and engaging the men that comprise the crew is performed by persons termed "SHIPPING MASTERS," who are hired by the Captain, on the part of the ship, for that purpose.

2d. That these men are entirely irresponsible, and often of the lowest moral status; practically unacquainted with sea service, and ignorant of the MARITIME LAWS governing the relations of Seamen.

3d. That in the absence of all judicial authority in the election of Shipping Masters, or providing for the faithful discharge of their functions, there has been engendered throughout the MARITIME PORTS of the United States a system of fraud, imposition. and tyrannical disposition of the persons and property of seamen, the details of which, if collated, would excite the astonishment and move the indignation of the nation.

4th. That the strength of this SYSTEM lies in the power possessed by Seamen's Boarding-House Keepers and Landlords to compel the Shipping Masters to be accessories or partners to their fraudulent practices, the Shipping Masters being simply persons casually hired by Captains to procure crews, and are dependent upon Landlords to supply them with men upon whatever terms they may dictate.

5th. That this influence, which we designate LANDLORDISM, is, in its power, extent, and persistent defiance of justice and humanity, a monstrous anomaly in the social life of a nation having free institutions and Christian principle.

LANDLORDISM.

LANDLORDISM seeks and maintains its position as a third party, interfering between the employer and employee—*i. e.*, the ship and the sailor. It had its origin in the peculiar position of Seamen, and derives its strength from the moral degradation it fosters among them. The seaman arriving in port is seized, held, and disposed of, by organized LANDLORDISM. Thousands of seamen are monthly arriving in the ports of the United States, who never reach their homes because of LANDLORDISM.

Nine-tenths of the seamen engaged upon foreign voyages have never anything but a pittance of wages to take at the end of their voyage, because LANDLORDISM has secured an advance upon their labor before it has suffered them to go to sea.

LANDLORDISM places in the forecastle the cripple, the diseased, the sluggard, and mutinous scoundrel.

LITIGATION in Courts of ADMIRALTY, involving important interests, and criminal prosecutions, have been effectually baffled through LANDLORDISM, ever pliant to its own interests, sending the WITNESSES to sea.

To evidence the FORMIDABLE power of LANDLORDISM, we cite the astonishing fact that more than once within these few years a fleet of costly ships, laden with valuable cargoes, have been prevented from proceeding to sea from the harbor of San Francisco by twenty or thirty men of the lowest moral caste, but who, through combination and adroit mal-practices, withheld seamen from the ships until their exorbitant demands were complied with. It is important to note in this connection that in the negotiations which occurred at these crises the sailor's voice in the matter was altogether ignored. He was, if not altogether the passive, at least the helpless victim of his unscrupulous masters.

REMEDY.

The gigantic evil can only be overcome by the GENERAL GOVERNMENT establishing OFFICIAL SHIPPING MASTERS and SHIPPING OFFICES throughout the States. The same detriment to "shippiug interests" and ruinous consequences to seamen has had to be met and legislated for by other maritime nations. "The Mercantile Shipping Act" at present in force in Great Britain and her

dependencies, and which for its efficient control of the shipping and discharge of seamen, receives the commendation of American Captains and Officers, is the matured growth of many years' experiment and deliberation. We enumerate some of the practical and beneficent results it has reached:

1st. The INDEPENDENCE and INTEGRITY of Shipping Masters, secured by their having an official position, receiving a salary, and not depending, directly, for remuneration upon ships or sailors.

2d. UNIFORMITY OF SYSTEM AND FEES; the latter being apportioned between ship and sailor—the two parties represented in the agreement.

3d. ADVANTAGES gained, both for business facilities and salutary influence, in having Official Shipping Offices, which concentrate the seamens' business of the port, and enables the Official Shipping Master to regulate the matter of wages and advance wages, and also to exercise a vigorous check upon seamen in respect to character and physical ability. It is notorious that at present the crews of American ships are made up indiscriminately. The villain of the deepest dye has an equal chance of employment with the man of the most sterling character. Captains are frequently obliged to engage professional "bullies" as junior officers to protect themselves from the ruffianism of their men.

4th. PROTECTING SEAMEN in their inalienable rights to dispose of themselves how or on what voyage they choose. Into the shipping room of the Official Officer no one but the parties to the agreement and the employees can enter whilst business is being transacted. The seaman is made to understand his agreement, and the Captain, or Shipping Master acting for him, can satisfy himself of the eligibility of the man without the interference of a third party.

5th. CONFERRING a great BOON upon both Captains and seamen by vesting the Official Shipping Master with power to decide upon financial differences and disagreements between them, thus delivering seamen from the clutch of pettifogging lawyers and Captains from their arrogance.

In suggesting that the adoption of a somewhat similar system for the benefit of our Mercantile Marine and Seamen, we would further point that through the establishing of Official Shipping Offices and Shipping Masters, compacted by a Central Board, a healthy, vigorous life could be imparted to the American Marine.

It is a fact at all times discernible that nearly three-fourths of the men who man our sea-going vessels are not American citizens, yet multitudes of them spend their lives in the service. We conceive that if Government Shipping Offices were established, they could be made to facilitate the way for these men to become American citizens, and the conferring of citizenship made a stimulus to faithfulness and improved conduct in the discharge of his duty.

If the law was made to the effect that any alien seamen who desired to become a citizen could qualify himself first in the usual manner by declaring his intentions to become a citizen, and depositing his papers at the Shipping Office of the port—provisions being made for their proper custody—and after five or more years continuous service in American vessels, and on his producing discharges from the Shipping Masters of the ports wherein he has been discharged, he could be admitted into full citizenship.

As the object of these discharges would be to prove identity and eligibility, they, of course, would receive some official form. Also the power to withhold them for misdemeanors specially stated by law should be vested in the Shipping Master.

To the qualifications of citizenship ought to be annexed the privilege of precedence in the shipment of seamen on our ships. By enacting other judicious matter of detail in this relation, it could be made the means of a powerful moral impulse to the seamen manning our ships, besides the national advantage gained by the naturalizing of a host of men valuable to the maritime commerce of the country.

We earnestly solicit that the attention of the GOVERNMENT may speedily be directed to the subject of our petition, and such a system devised and put in operation as will benefit commerce and gladden the hearts of thousands of families and others interested in the American Sailor, who have beheld with tearful agony the gross imposition and fearful moral degradation he has been subjected to, and who have found all their philanthropic efforts to ameliorate his condition rendered, in a considerable measure, abortive, through the want of proper legislative enactment on the subject.

SIGNATURES:

MRS. R. H. LAMBERT,
MRS. C. D. KNIGHT,
MRS. S. A. SMITH,
MRS. A. E. A. BAKER,
MRS. E. WILLIAMSON.
Committee on behalf of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society.

J. W. STOW,
CHAS. L. WIGGIN,
LEWIS PECK,
Committee of the Board of Counsel.

Copies of this memorial were sent to all societies for the benefit of seamen and to commercial organizations in the United States, accompanied by a circular letter, asking their co-operation and suggestions in relation to the proposed law. A large majority responded to their request, pledging their sympathy and support, also advising that a bill be prepared, and giving some very important ideas in relation to it. The committee immediately commenced collecting all the available material for a Bill, bringing to their aid the Laws of England and France.

It was their intention to have had the Bill before Congress at its last session; but they soon realized they had undertaken a formidable work, with their lack of knowledge of legal matters, and that it would not be possible to mature a Bill for that session, but must delay until Congress should again assemble, which would give time to make it more perfect.

The Bill was finally drafted by R. S. Clyde, Esq., under the direction of the committee. When completed it was submitted to the Board, and one hundred and twenty-five copies ordered printed. During the early part of the present session of Congress, the Bill was forwarded to Hon. C. Cole, by J. W. Stow Esq., one of the Trustees of the Society, requesting him to introduce it in the Senate. The memorial from the

Society, and a petition signed by nearly all the Federal, State, and County officers, and a large number of the leading business men of the city, asking for the passage of the Bill, was also presented to Congress.

Copies of the Bill have been sent to all the organizations that had received the memorial. The following extract from a letter received by one of the committee, will show the action of the most influential society in behalf of seamen in the United States.

Office of American Seamen's Friend Society, 80 *Wall Street*,

New York, Feb. 5, 1870.

At a special meeting of our Board yesterday to consider the subject, the Bill as a whole was approved, and measures taken to influence Congress in favor of the Bill. A meeting of the Board of the New York Seamen's Association, held yesterday, also approved the Bill. I trust you will have some friends of the Bill from your State to look after it.

Ever cordially,

H. Loomis, Corresponding Secretary,
Of A. S. F. Society.

The Committee and other friends of seamen have been urging Congress to pass that or some other Bill immediately, for the protection of Commerce.

Since the above was written we have received the gratifying intelligence that the Bill has passed the Senate and that there is a good prospect of its becoming a law. The report of the Committee shows that the entire expense of drafting and printing the Bill, Memorial, and furnishing petitions, stationery, stamps, etc., has been two hundred and sixty-five dollars, ($2.65) the labor of the committee being gratuitous.

We would here express our sincere thanks to all who have aided the committee in their arduous labors. Especially to Hon. Ogden Hoffman, to whose suggestions they are indebted for the most important provisions of the Bill, as well as counsel in the legal compilation. To Capt. J. F. Stewart they feel under great obligation for important material furnished; also to R. S. Clyde, Esq., for the satisfactory manner

in which he performed his duty, as well as to the courtesy extended to their committee. To the committee we will say: Receive our thanks; the consciousness of doing your duty will be your reward, and if your labor should be successful the blessing of the sailor will be yours.

During the time that has passed in which the Board were occupied upon the Bill (a space of nearly two years), they have not been idle; although they have not had the means to enable them to do great deeds, the records show that they have improved every opportunity that was in their power to carry out the objects of the Society, to elevate, relieve and protect seamen. A committee has made regular visits to the United States Marine Hospital, and sought to administer to the spiritual and physical wants of the inmates.

C. O. W., a seaman who had been twenty months in the Hospital, and when recovery was doubtful, expressed a wish to return to his friends in Gardiner, Maine. The resident physician said his only chance of recovery was in a sea voyage; but he had no means to pay his expenses. The society immediately raised the amount required, and sent him homeward on the steamer, surrounded by all the comforts his situation required, and with many wishes that he might reach his Eastern home. A few weeks later a letter was received from his father stating that his son died in his arms in Boston, almost in reach of his home. He thanks the ladies for their kindness to his sick and destitute boy.

One of the committee recently received a letter, filled with expressions of gratitude for attentions and sympathy received by him while in the U. S. M. Hospital. He was the son of a Boston clergyman, who had left his home hoping to regain his health by a sea voyage, but found a Cape Horn voyage (as a sailor boy) was not calculated to promote health; he arrived here prostrated, a stranger in a strange land.

The Society's long cherished hope of building a "Sailor's Home," they regret to say, has not been realized. They still hope, however, while groping their way through the

chill darkness that has almost paralyzed their efforts, and wait for the clouds to disappear and the light of God's blessing to shine upon their pathway. The imperative need of a Home is becoming more apparent every day, and they can but hope that the sympathies of the public are at last being aroused by the almost daily account in the papers of some injustice and cruelty practised upon seamen while on shore. That something should be done to protect them from the evil designs of wicked men, and also from their own peculiar temptations, all good citizens will admit. That a well directed "Home," in its moral and religious influences, and physical benefits, will prove the best remedy for those evils, no one will deny. May we soon see its realizations.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Society was incorporated under an Act of the Legislature, passed 1857, authorizing women to become Corporators. It was thought best to amend the constitution by changing the names of the presiding officers from first and second Directors to President and Vice President, reducing the number of managers from twenty to ten, and instead of a Board of Counsel of seven gentlemen, to elect four gentlemen Trustees, to act with the President, Vice President and Treasurer, who are ex-officio Trustees by virtue of their office, thus forming a joint Board of gentlemen and ladies; also to reduce the Life Membership from fifty dollars to twenty-five, and Annual Membership from five dollars to two dollars and fifty cents. These amendments were adopted at the regular meeting of the Board held March, 1869, and ratified at their annual meeting in May, 1869, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of managers,

LUCY A. SMITH,
Recording Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer and Purchasing Committee

For the Year Ending March 31st, 1869.

MRS. C. E. COGSWELL, Treasurer, and MRS. R. H. LAMBERT and MRS. L. A. AUSTIN, in account with the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society.

DR.		CR.	
Cash paid for printing reports	$50 00	By cash for Membership	$ 30 00
" Hospital Fund.....	35 25	" donations to Relief Fund.....	136 25
" Relief Com'tee for Board for shipwrecked sailors	35 00	" interest on money deposited	174 10
" Relief Com'tee to send sick sailor to Maine..	121 87	" on deposit drawing interest.	6,194 51
" printing Memo'l to Congress.....	11 00		
" print'g Pet'n to Cong'ss	2 00		
" solicit'g names to pet'n	25 00		
" stationery, stamps, etc.	5 62		
" legal services.....	20 00		
" board for destitute seamen (last year's bill..	25 00		
" cartage.....	3 00		
" in Purchasing Committee's hands.....	6 61		
" in Treasurer's hands...	56 85		
" on deposit (for Building Fund).....	6,194 51		
Total.....	6,534 86		$6,534 86

MRS. C. E. COGSWELL,
MRS. R. H. LAMBERT,
MRS. L. A. AUSTIN, } Purchasing Committee.

Report of the Treasurer and Purchasing Committee

For the Year Ending March 31st, 1870.

DR.		CR.	
Cash paid Legal services....	$ 80 00	Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 31st, 1869.....	$ 56 85
" " " "	10 00	" in hands Purch'g Committee.....	6 61
" printing bill.....	109 00	" for Life Membership...	25 00
" printed envelopes.....	5 00	" for Annual Membership.	19 50
" stationery, stamps, etc .	8 50	" interst on money on deposit	150 00
" in hands of Purchasing Committee.....	36 11	" on deposit.....	7,331 30
" in treasury...	11 35		
" deposited (drawing interest) for Build'g F'd.	7,331 30		
Total.....	$7,589 26	Total	$7,589 26

MRS. S. SMITH,
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MRS. C. D. KNIGHT, } Purchasing Committee.

The above accounts have been audited and found correct.

LEWIS PECK.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Aitkins, Miss M.
Austin, Mrs. L. A.
Austin, Dr. W. H.
Armes, Mrs.
Badarous, Mrs.
Bailey, Mrs.
Bevans, Mrs.
Brown, Mr. A.
Bull, Mrs. A.
Bunker, Miss J. H.
Cogswell, Mrs. C. E.
Coon, Dr. H. P.
Crosley, J. H.
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Coghill, Mrs.
Dam, Mrs. L.
Day, Mrs. T.
Dodge, Mrs. Henry
Dodge, Mrs. L.
Dodge, Mrs. L. C.
Dodge, Mrs. Luther
Dutton, Mrs. H.
Dutton, Mrs.
Eldridge, Mrs. O.
Fay, Mrs.
Fisher, Mr.
Gray, Mrs. M. G.
Goddard, Mrs.
Goodall, Capt.
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Gushee, Mrs. H.
Gray, Mrs. G. H.
Hastings, Mrs. Wm.
Hodges, Mr. W.
Holbrook, Mrs. A. E. A.
Hemingway, Mrs.
Ingram, Mrs.
Jesham, Mrs.
King, Mr. James
Knight, Mrs. C. D.
Kohler, Mrs. Andrew
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Rounds, Mrs. S. A.
Rowell, Mrs. H.
Roach, Mrs.
Schenck, Mrs. E. T.
Smith, Mrs. E.
Smith, Mrs. J.
Smith, Mrs. L. E.
Talbot, Mrs.
Taylor, Mrs.
Tracy, M. A.
Turner, Mrs. O.
Teshuron, Mrs.
Thurbur, Mrs.
Waller, Mrs. Judge
Wheaton, Mrs. O. L.
Winchester, Mrs. E. H.
Williams, Mrs.
Williamson, Mrs. P. S.

DONATIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND.

Collected by Mrs. A. E. A. Baker and Miss M. A. Seymour	$ 47 50
Collected by Capt. J. F. Stewart, from boarders at Sailors' Home	31 50
Friends per Mrs. R. H. Lambert	18 50
Friends per Mrs. J. Rowland	3 00
Friends per Stephens & Baker	5 00
Friend per Mrs. Rowland	2 50
Collected by Mrs. C. E. Cogswell	10 00
Dr. Cogswell	3 00
Mrs. S. A. Smith, collected in small sums	15 25
	136 25

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Blethen, Capt. J. H.
Cain, A. J. (S. Jose Mis.)
Cushing, Dr. J.
Dall, Capt. (S.S. Col'bia)
Farwell, Capt. J. D.
Lambert, Mrs. R. H.
McLane, Louis
Palmer, Joseph C.
Platt, R. G.
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SAILORS' HOME,

BATTERY STREET, CORNER VALLEJO,

SAN FRANCISCO.

☞ The house offers superior inducements to Seamen, having well ventilated Bed Rooms, good Beds and a large Reading Room, well supplied with Papers and Periodicals. Good Board and every facility for Shipping.

J. F. STEWART,

PROPRIETOR.

☞ The Reading Room Free to all Seamen.

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OF THE

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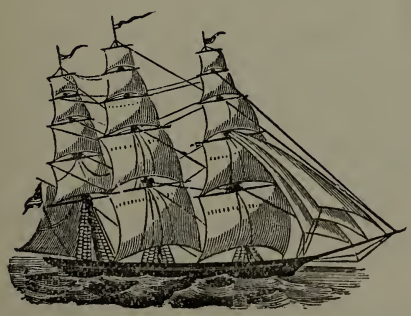

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OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR 1876.

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Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT.....Vice-President.
Mrs. P. S. WILLIAMSON.....Recording Secretary.
Mrs. G. BURROWS..... .... Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. C. E. COGSWELL.....Treasurer.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. I. S. ALLEN,
Mrs. H. S. TUCKER,
Mrs A. E. A. BAKER,
Mrs. R. BARCLAY,
Mrs. C. A. KOHLER,
Mrs. W. B. EWER,
Mrs. J. ROWLAND,
Mrs. W. F. REILLEY,
Mrs. J. R. HUGHES,
Mrs. S. A. SMITH,

TRUSTEES

Capt. OLIVER ELDRIDGE,
W. B. EWER, Esq.,
L. M. KELLOGG, Esq.,
J. D. SAWYER, Esq.,

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Purchasing Com.
Mrs H. S. TUCKER,
Mrs. A. E. A. BAKER,

Committee on Applications.
Mrs P. L. WILLIAMSON,
629 *California Street*,
Mrs. J. R. HUGHES,

REPORT

OF THE

Ladies' Seaman's Friend Society,

Of the Port of San Francisco,

FOR THE YEARS 1874, 1875, 1876.

To the Members and Friends of the Ladies' Seaman's Friend Society:

It becomes my duty to present for your consideration the Annual Report of the Managers of this Society for the year ending March 31st, 1876; and on their behalf, and with their sanction, I beg leave very respectfully to submit the following:

During the two years preceding the 1st of April, 1875, the Managers of this Society canvassed and discussed at their monthly meetings various measures having for their object the establishment of a Sailor's Home in this city, and finally decided that the first practical step in that direction would be to secure a suitable lot on which to erect the necessary buildings. In accordance with this decision, they purchased a lot at the corner of Howard and Spear streets, 45 feet by 137½ feet, for $14,300, on which they paid $10,000, leaving the property incumbered by a mortgage of $4,300. The transaction was effected by our Trustees, and L. M. Kellogg, Esq., presented the deed of the property to the Society at their annual meeting held April 21st, 1875. This seems to have been a fortunate purchase, as it is believed the property could readily be sold at the present time for $20,000. The Society receives a monthly rent for this lot of $125, most of which is applied in reducing the mortgage.

With this debt on their hands, the Managers set themselves to the task of raising means to remove the incumbrance. It was at first thought best to apply directly to merchants and citizens for donations of money, but after mature consideration it was decided to establish a New England Kitchen in connection with the "Industrial Fair," soon to be holden by the Mechanics' Institute, in which to give entertainments similar to those which had proved so successful in past years.

Failing to make satisfactory arrangements with the Managers of the Fair for room within the Pavilion, our Managers accepted with gratitude the generous offer by Mr. D. J. Oliver of the free use of a lot belonging to him, adjacent to the Pavilion, and erected thereon a suitable building in which to carry on their enterprise. Now began the labors of the Managers in "real earnest." A small admission fee was fixed, and the meals must be furnished at a proportionately small rate; and in order to prevent the expenses from consuming all the receipts, the ladies must give their own personal labor and attention constantly during the continuance of the entertainments. They called in the aid of their friends and solicited help from the churches to meet the demand for services which exceeded their own ability to perform. The response was prompt and generous; throughout the entire eight weeks, during which their enterprise continued, they all labored together more earnestly than many of them were accustomed to do in their own homes.

The thanks of this Society and of all true friends of the sailor are due to every one who so zealously labored in this work, especially to our aged friend Mrs. Lambert, whose many years of labor in the cause of the sailor had not yet destroyed her energy in the good work. She stood by her post upon the premises day and night till her task was finished and the efforts of the Managers were crowned with success.

The results of this enterprise, though not as great as the ladies could wish, or perhaps were entitled to expect, brought to the treasury a net gain of $1,800. This has been paid over in liquidation of the debt against the land, and, with the addition of the money derived from the rent of lot, has enabled the Managers to reduce the mortgage to $1,500. Especial thanks are due to the Union Square Babtist Church for the free use of a room for all meetings of this Society.

The Trustees of this Society have recently been engaged in efforts to secure from the United States Government a donation of the old Marine Hospital grounds for the uses of a Sailor's Home, and measures looking to that end have already been introduced before Congress with some prospect of final success. If this should be accomplished, the Society could sell their lot on Howard and Spear streets, and the proceeds would go far toward the establishment of a good Sailor's Home on the hospital grounds. Our State Legislature and the Board of Supervisors of this city and county, as also the Chamber of Commerce and the Seaman's Temperance League, have given the united influence of their respective bodies in direct appeals to Congress, to grant the petition of this Society; and, whether successful or not, the members of this Society will be ever grateful to them for their efforts. Should Congress decide to grant our petition, we can but hope that, by the aid of our mercantile community and citizens in general, before another year shall have passed, we shall be able to announce that a good Sailor's Home, with all the necessary adjuncts for the safety, comfort and general welfare of the sailor, and for the protection of his moral and financial interests, has been fully established; or, at the least, has been so positively assured that but a short time will be required to accomplish this most sincere desire of our hearts.

It would be unjust to the memory of one of our most valued and efficient friends should I close this report without some reference to the death of one of our former Trustees, Joseph W. Stow, who passed from this life in August, 1874. His many virtues and noble qualities endeared him to all with whom he came in social contact. Ever genial and affable, his very presence was a constant joy. He was honest in purpose, wise in council, sincere in friendship, and efficient in his labors for the uplifting of his fellow men. May his memory be ever faithfully cherished by us all.

I invite your attention to the accompanying reports of the Treasurer, Purchasing Committee, and Committee on Applications, which contain all necessary information on the subjects they represent.

MRS. I. S. ALLEN,
Secretary.

San Francisco, April 5th, 1876.

Report of Purchasing Committee from March 31st, 1873, to March 31st, 1874.

Dr.		Cr.	
Received from Treasurer...	$ 376 55	Paid for advertising.....	$ 9 30
		" printing Reports..	52 50
		" rent of room for meetings.....	25 00
		" for moving and repairing safe...	50 00
		" relief to the destitute.....	52 75
		" Tin trunk for papers.....	4 00
		" legal counsel.....	183 00
	$376 55		$376 55

Mrs. J. R. HUGHES, } Purchasing Com.
Mrs. J. BLAKIE, }

Report of Purchasing Committee from March 31st, 1874, to March 31st, 1875.

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash on hand.....	$2 20	Paid for advertising.....	$ 1 00
Received from Hospital Fund.....	15 50	" Marine Temperance Society....	30 00
Received from Treasurer...	10,198 25	" for relief to the destitute.	22 00
		" for account purchase of lot....	10,000 00
		" for searching title	30 00
		" Notary fees.....	1 00
		" recording deed and mortgage.....	5 75
		" Interest one month	32 25
		" Taxes for 6 mos...	56 25
		Cash on hand..... ...	37 70
	$10,215 95		$10,215 95

Mrs. J. R. HUGHES, } Purchasing Com.
Mrs. E. A. BAKER, }

Report of Purchasing Committee from March 31st, 1875, to March 31st, 1876.

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash on hand	$ 37 70	Paid interest	$279 12
Received from Treasurer	3,274 95	" on mortgage	2,800 65
		" relief to destitute	2 00
		" account Memorial to Congress	92 00
		" for advertising	2 00
		" " recording deed	2 50
		" " taxes	134 38
	$3,312 65		$3,312 65

MRS. R. H. LAMBERT, } Purchasing Com.
MRS. E. A KOHLER, }

Report of the Treasurer from March 31st, 1873, to March 31st, 1874.

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash on deposit, April 1, 1873	$8,990 51	Paid Purchasing Committee	$374 30
Dividend, June 30th, 1873	428 66	Cash on hand	15 50
Dividend, Dec. 31st, 1873	409 07	Cash on deposit	9,438 44
	$9,828 24		$9,828 24

MRS. W. T. REILLEY, Treasurer L. S. F. S.

Report of the Treasurer from March 31st, 1874, to March 31st, 1875.

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash on deposit, April 1, 1874	$9,438 44	By cash paid Purchasing Committee	$10,198 25
Dividend, June 30, 1874	424 34	" " on deposit	175 22
" Dec. 31, "	442 44		
Cash for annual dues	12 50		
" from other sources	40 25		
" on hand, April 1, 1874,	15 50		
	$10,373 47		$10,373 47

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Report of the Treasurer from March 31st, 1875, to March 31st, 1876.

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash on hand, March 31st, 1875	$175 22	Paid Purchasing Com	$3,274 95
Received for rent of lot	1,535 16	Cash on hand, March 31st, 1876	289 69
Received from N. E. Kitchen	1,826 76		
" for memberships	27 50		
	$3,564 64		$3,564 64

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SEC. 2. The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees must be examined and signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Council. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment shall have been submitted in writing.

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1879.

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Mrs. GEO. BURROWS.....Corresponding Secretary.
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Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT, Mrs. W. F. REILLEY.

Committee on Religious Services.

Mrs. GEO. BURROWS, Mrs. H. S. TUCKER,
Mrs. R. A. KENDALL, Mrs. A. FULLER.

Committee on Library.

Mrs. WM. COWPERTHWAITE, Jr. Miss M. A. KNIGHTS.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

1879.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The twenty-third Annual Report of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, and the third year after the opening of the Sailor's Home, is here presented:

The past year has been one of change, and yet we can but feel that our cause is one in which there is need of more workers. Those who have labored so faithfully for so many years have become worn out in the service, and one of our number, Mrs. Ewer, has passed away. Her loss is felt and deeply mourned. Now is the time for new recruits, and we hope they will join the ranks, for it is a noble work, maintaining a home for those who spend most of their lifetime on the boundless ocean.

It is well known that the last year has been one of great financial depression, and the Home has suffered in consequence. Since December, Capt. H. S. Tucker has been the Superintendent, and I refer you to his report.

There has been one death at the home—a young Austrian. The funeral services were held in the chapel.

The several departments of the Home have been sustained. The services in the chapel have been regularly held, and the Chaplain deserves our thanks for his labors—his interest in the work and the welfare of the sailors.

We have had some donations of reading matter for the library, and they are always very acceptable. Mr. Remenyi and Mr. Dulcken gave a concert on board of the steamer *State of California*, the proceeds of which were donated to the Library of the Home.

A concert was held at the Metropolitan Temple by the Hutchinson family for the benefit of the Society, but was not such a success financially as we would have liked. Feeling that we must make some exertion to pay our indebtedness, the Managers put in a bid for a New England Kitchen at the Mechanics' Fair. The kitchen was held, but, owing to the dullness of the times, was not quite satisfactory. The result may be learned by referring to the Treasurer's report. The Society feel thankful to all those who helped in the kitchen, giving their time and means. Especially should we be grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Baker, for they stood at their posts night and day.

The President and Vice-President deserve our warmest thanks for their faithfulness during the year. We also feel that we should thank those who have in any way helped in our cause, for it is one that is not so generally known and interest taken in as there ought to be. To our Trustees, especially the President, Capt. S. Soule, and Secretary, Mr. W. B. Ewer, we feel grateful for all the aid and the interest they have taken, giving cheerfully their time when called upon.

And now, as we are entering upon the new year of the Society, with new members, we all hope that everything may be as harmonious as in the past, and that we may work with renewed zeal, ever remembering that we can do nothing without the help of our Heavenly Father.

M. A. KNIGHTS,
Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco:

LADIES—Since my appointment as Superintendent of the "Home," the steady depression of the shipping interests and its badly demoralized condition has made it a constant and earnest effort to sustain it in the manner that it has been the past few months, and I regret that it has not been more satisfactory for all concerned. Financially it has a very limited statement to make, which I herewith submit:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From August 1, 1878, to July 31, 1879—

Cash deposited	$5,544 50
Cash drawn by depositors	5 443 00
Balance on deposit	$101 50
Amount received for board and merchandise	$5,165 55
Boarders' registry	494
Number of boarders in Home	30

Respectfully yours,

H. S. TUCKER,
Superintendent.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco:

LADIES—Your Chaplain has now, after two years' labor, a parish of from seven hundred to one thousand men. These are coming and going constantly; they are here a few days and then they go to all the ports of our own land, and to foreign ports, and to the islands of the sea. I say to them that they are missionaries, and they ought to be Christian missionaries, every one. Some of them, I truly believe, are earnest workers for Christ, on shipboard and on land. Through them I have sent the Word of God and other useful books around the world. The Rev. John Thompson, of the Bible Society, has furnished Bibles. The Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Lake George, New York, formerly of California, has sent twenty-six numbers of the *American Messenger* for the past year. Other friends of the sailors have sent religious books and papers and popular magazines.

I know of the death of three whose living faces I have looked into during the year. One dined with us at noon, and at night he died. We buried him from our chapel, and sailors followed him to his grave. He was an Austrian; name, Natalis Pussich. The second, Thomas Walker, an Englishman, died and was buried from the City and County Hospital. The third, Andrew C. Lawson, died at the Queen's Hospital, Honolulu. He was a beneficiary of the Ladies' Strangers' Friend Society of Honolulu.

The Sabbath preaching services have been maintained by the city pastors and the Chaplain—the evening prayers and Thursday evening meetings by the Chaplain. The evening prayers have not been as well attended as last year, owing to the fact that most of the time we have been without an organist. Sometimes we have supplemented this service by a pleasant religious talk; good has been done in this way.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PIERPONT,
Chaplain.

July 31, 1879.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE FROM AUGUST 1, 1878, TO JULY 31, 1879.

DR.

Cash in hands of Committee	$28 36
" Received for Membership	80 00
" " from Sailors' Home	217 65
" " from Concerts	42 00
" Donations	1 00
" in Treasury, August 1, 1879	37
	$369 38

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Paid for Painting	$20 00
" " Furniture	172 00
" " Dry Goods	20 00
" " Water	64 00
" Interest on Mortgage	91 51
" Incidentals	1 50
Cash in Treasury	37
	$369 38
Cash to Library	28 00

MRS. C. E. COGSWELL, Treasurer.

MRS. W. F. REILLEY,
MRS. R. H. LAMBERT,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined above account and found same correct to July 31, 1879.

SAMUEL SOULE,
W. R. EWER,
Auditing Committee.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

1880.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Recording Secretary of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, and the fourth year since the opening of the "Home," is respectfully submitted:

Since our last annual report, there has been a change in the superintendency of the Home, Capt. Tucker resigning and Mr. Daniel Swannack being elected and taking charge December 1st. A change in the chaplaincy has also occurred; Rev. James Pierpont resigned and Col. E. A. Ludwick, elected June 2d, is now the Chaplain, and is doing a good missionary work.

There have been several improvements in and around the Home, but there is need of still more, as every looker-on can see; but our work is crippled for the want of funds. The public will understand that the repairing and furnishing was done by money earned from time to time by the efforts of the lady managers, and they are still willing to put forth further efforts for the accomplishment of the desired end—namely, a perfect Sailors' Home for the Port of San Francisco. We made official application to the "Carnival Association" to be one of the beneficiaries at the coming Authors' Carnival, but were denied, as were several other deserving charities, the association not deeming that the proceeds would warrant them in dividing it in less shares than sixths. All aid that we have in any way rendered has been by personal effort alone.

We express our thanks to all who have in any way aided our work.

All are in some way or another indebted to the sailors, and anything done for their elevation, tends to advance the prosperity of the commercial community.

We regret that we have not been able to renew our visits to the Marine Hospital on account of the difficulty of reaching it, but hope there will soon be some public conveyance to that part of the city.

Since our last report, one of the oldest and most efficient of our lady Managers, Mrs. A. E. A. Baker, has left the city to make her home in San Bernardino County. The President of our Board, Mrs. R. H. Lambert, deserves mention for her faithfulness and untiring zeal throughout the year; also, the President of the Board of Trustees, Capt. S. Soule, for the great interest he has taken in our work.

For the financial condition of the Society, I refer you to the reports of the Treasurer and Purchasing Committee, and for the state of the "Home" to the Superintendent's Report.

And now, as we enter upon another year of our work, with some new members, we do hope and pray that we may all do with our might what our hands find to do.

M. A. KNIGHTS,
Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society for the Port of San Francisco:

LADIES—After eight months' experience in the management of the "Home," your Superintendent has reason to "thank God and take courage." I entered upon the duties of the place under circumstances somewhat embarrassing and a little discouraging, both on account of the very small number of men in the Home and the prejudices against it. The latter, I trust, are gradually wearing away, and the number of boarders has steadily but slowly increased. I had at first the disadvantage of want of experience in the business, and on this account was not so well prepared to cope with the combined opposition of both boarding-house men and shipping agents. The strength of this competition can be judged if one takes the pains to pass along the streets

near the wharves and note the large number of places kept as "Sailors' Boarding-Houses," and then considers that almost all these make liquors the ever-present magnet to attract the sailors in, and to keep them there when once in. Avaricious and unscrupulous men take a little house of which the bar-room is the chief part, send out a runner with his whisky-bottle and lure the men in, but are able to furnish them but little comfort after they are there. The competition of such houses becomes so intense that they are ready to resort to all sorts of means to deceive the men, and often to violence to control them after they find themselves to have been duped. These houses could not stand alone in competition with the Home for a week, but they have learned to take advantage of the maxim that "in union there is strength," and have therefore combined their strength against it. Then, too, unfair means are resorted to to prevent men from the Home from obtaining chances for shipping. But for all this the Home has a large proportion of the best class of the sailors, and the prospects of a much larger proportion are brightening every day. Masters of ships are becoming aware that good, reliable men can be obtained at the Home, and there is now but little trouble in procuring chances for all our men.

It is gratifying to feel that the objects of the Home are being achieved with as large a degree of success as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances. The benevolent and charitably disposed public may feel assured that the physical comfort of the men who endure the hardships of the sea is carefully promoted here, and that they are protected as far as possible from fraud and injustice. Those especially interested in the religious welfare of the sailors can rest satisfied that the Home, through its social and domestic influence, its library and reading room, its chapel services, and the general tone of moral and religious influence about the institution, is doing all that can be done with the means at hand to save the sailors. Those interested from the more material standpoint of the safety and prosperity of commerce, can be satisfied that every effort is made to give them a manly, self-respecting, cheerful, trustworthy class of seamen, into whose hands they can commit their property and their lives with a feeling of security.

The objects sought to be promoted by the Home, and the degree of success which has attended the work of the Society, justifies the de-

sire and expectation that public attention will more and more be turned to your institution as one of the noblest channels of usefulness to the commercial and religious world.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount received for Board	$2,996 25
Amount received for Merchandise	2,047 68
Total	$5,043 93

Number of Boarders admitted during the eight months, 451.

Respectfully,

DANIEL SWANNACK,

Superintendent.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society for the Port of San Francisco:

LADIES—But two months have passed since I received notice from your Secretary of my election as Chaplain of the Home, a period quite too brief to furnish much material for a report. I entered upon the duties of the position on the 7th of June, and have earnestly applied myself to the task of finding out and employing means of usefulness to the men which might prove most effective in reaching them, and influencing them for good. There is much reason for encouragement, as the interest taken by the sailors in the chapel services is rapidly increasing. The Thursday evening prayer-meeting has been attended by a large proportion of the men in the Home and by friends of the Home from the outside. A Tuesday evening praise service has been established, which has drawn in many who can be reached by a stirring song when all other means would be ineffectual. We have not been left without assurances that these services have been instrumental for good, as men after them have sought personal interviews with the Chaplain at his room, to talk of religion and their soul's salvation. Some have told of other days when they tried to live Christians, and of the influences of religious education and of the prayers of friends, and

with tears in their eyes have promised to try again to live lives of faith in the Saviour of men.

By personal intercourse with the sailors, the Chaplain has endeavored to gain their attention to the things that pertain to their present and eternal welfare. Incidentally, and little by little, seeds of truth have been scattered which it is hoped and confidently believed will in coming days produce a harvest of good fruits. A constant effort has been made in conversation with the men to impress them with the fact that their greatest enemy is intoxicating drink, which unfits them for the care of their own interests, leaves them an easy prey to designing, wicked men, robs them of much of the respect and good-will which their dangerous calling naturally inspires in the public mind, weakens their powers both of body and mind, and destroys their souls. The pledge has been used as a help in the work of reformation. While the Chaplain has sought to reform the men and inspire them with self-respect, and to have them feel that all good people will respect and esteem them if they but respect themselves and act the part of men, he has not failed to urge upon them the truth that all true and permanent reform must be based upon faith in their Saviour, and reliance upon the regenerating Spirit.

An important feature of the Chaplain's work is that of providing suitable reading matter for the sailors while in the Home and especially on going to sea. He has aimed to permit no man to sail without furnishing him with a package of papers, magazines and tracts, and giving him a Testament, if not already provided for. During the two months there have been collected over twelve hundred papers, tracts and magazines for this purpose, and the Chaplain is gratified to find the public responding so liberally to appeals for help of this kind. The American Bible Society kindly furnishes us with copies of the Scriptures needed for distribution among the sailors.

A number of men from the Home have been in the Marine Hospital; where the Chaplain has visited them, supplying them with reading matter and rendering them any kindness which Christian sympathy and Christian duty might prompt and they require.

The Sunday services in the chapel have been well provided for by the pastors of the several denominations, and the attendance is increasing. The increasing interest manifested by people outside the Home in this service is a great help, as it inspires the sailors with a

feeling that Christian people desire their welfare. We have taken advantage of the visits of friends to call the men into the chapel for an informal "sing," thus giving to our Home as often as possible one of the most attractive features of home-life. Beside the religious services at the Home, we have encouraged the men to attend the services of the Mariners' Bethel, which more or less of them attend several times during the week.

Christian people who know how necessary it is to be aggressive, and not wait for erring men to come asking for the truth, will, it is hoped, see that more than all other classes of men, these strongly tempted men of the sea must be supplied with the word of life where they naturally congregate together during their short sojourn in port. We must go after them where they are if we would win them, and where can we reach them so readily as in the Home where so many of them live? If they can be drawn into a service anywhere it will surely be at the place where they live, and where they are in a measure free from the restraints which roughly dressed men often feel on entering a church.

I beg leave to refer to the Library as a means of great good to the men who resort to the Home, and to suggest that if it were possible to increase the number of books of the following classes—biography, history, travels, romance, and books on religious life and experience—it would greatly multiply its power to keep the men in the Home and out of the way of temptation. A number of books have been added to the Library during the past two months. Rev. J. Pierpont contributed a Sunday School Library containing a number of books of a character to interest and profit the sailors. It is to be hoped that influences are being set in motion that will, after a little, secure us some important help in this most important department.

Your Chaplain has enjoyed the earnest co-operation of the Superintendent of the Home in his work for the moral and spiritual welfare of the men. He also gratefully acknowledges the very important assistance rendered in the musical part of the chapel services by Miss May Baker, who presided at the organ for nearly two months.

With earnest prayer that God will open doors for useful endeavor and give me strength to go in thereat, I am, respectfully,

E. A. LUDWICK,
Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE FROM AUGUST 1, 1879, TO JULY 31, 1880.

Dr.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 37
" Received from Sailors' Home	289 32
" " " Concert	40 25
" Donation from Mrs. Kittle	5 00
" from Sale of Goods	8 25
" Donated for Flag	18 00
" Received for Membership	35 50
	$396 69

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Paid for Improvements in Sailors' Home	$183 92
" Interest on Mortgage	66 64
" Court Fees	9 50
" Printing and Advertising	46 00
" Notary Fees	2 00
" Advertising	50
" Material for Flag	31 85
" Crockery	26 00
" Carpenter Work	20 00
	$386 41
To Balance	10 28
	$396 69
Cash to Library	$ 42 61

MRS. C. E. COGSWELL, Treasurer.

Miss S. M. N. Cummings,
Mrs. A. Fuller,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined above account and found same correct to July 31, 1880.

Samuel Soule,
W. B. Ewer,
Auditing Committee.

DONATIONS FOR 1879-80.

COLLECTIONS DONATED.

From Mrs. G. W. Frink	$2 75	
" Mrs. N. G. Kittle	5 00	
" Mrs. Skey	1 00	
		$8 75

TO THE LIBRARY FUND.

From Reminyi & Dulcken		28 00

DONATIONS FOR FLAG.

From John Taylor	$1 00	
" J. P. Treadwell	1 00	
" Mrs. G. W. Frink	1 00	

Through D. Swannack.

From Robert Belfrage	5 00	
" Daniel Swannack	2 50	
" Alex. McLaughlin	1 00	
" James Gately	1 00	
" Hugh McLane	1 00	
" P. Westerman	1 00	
" P. McMullen	1 00	
" Th. Johnson	50	
" Robert Duff	50	
" Thos. Smith	50	
" A. Peterson	50	
" John Anderson	50	
		18 00

DONATIONS.

Through Captain Tucker.

Tubbs & Co., set of halyards for flagstaff.

Through Mrs. A. E. A. Baker.

Mr. Angel, 4½ inch iron rod and screws.
Heywood Bros., 6 perforated chair seats.
Geo. Sylvester & Co., 100 Monterey cypress trees.
Walker & Co., mounting of seven maps.
Gaslight Co., 10 loads coal cinders.
Dunham, Carrigan & Co., lot brass nails.
Marcus C. Hawley, 1 spade and garden hoe.
Baker & Hamilton, 1 canal barrow.
James E. Gordon, 1 scoop shovel.
E. K. Howes & Co., 2 paint brushes.
Knowland & Doe, pickets.

P. Swift, hauling 3 loads lumber.
Whitney's Express, expressage of trees.
Sullivan, Kelly & Co., 50 lbs. white lead.
Whittier & Fuller, 5 gals. boiled oil.
A. C. Dietz & Co., 50 lbs. white lead.
Yates & Co., 5 gals., boiled oil.
Averill Paint Co., 5 gals. paint.
J. Moulton, 40 lbs. mineral paint.
Hallidie & Co., 5 ft. 18 in. wire gauze.
Bass & Co., 5 gals. oils and turpentine.
Coffin & Hendry, 2 lbs. white lead.
White & Brown, 2 lbs. umber paint.
Dunham, Carrigan & Co., screws and tacks.
Richard Patrick, 4 papers tacks.
Davis Bros., 1 towel rack.
Walsh & Co , 1 book and lot of stationery.
Crocker & Co., 1 bottle ink, 1 bottle mucilage, pencils and pens.
Mr. McGill, pamphlets and paper.

DONATIONS TO THE CHAPLAIN, REV. E. A. LUDWICK, FOR THE "HOME."

San Francisco Publishing Co., 32 magazines and pictorials.
American Tract Society, 640 papers and tracts.
Methodist Book Rooms, 90 papers.
Dr. B. F. Crary, 60 papers, 6 pamphlets, 2 books.
Mark Watson, 65 papers.
Mrs. R. H. Lambert, 30 papers.
Rev. Mr. Kimball, 60 papers.
Mrs. Will H. Voorhees, 50 magazines and papers.
Dewey & Co., 2 vols. *Rural* and *Scientific Press*.
Friend, 120 copies *American Messenger*.
Friend, 140 papers and tracts.
Rev. J. Pierpont, Sunday School Library, 70 books.
American Bible Society, 40 copies New Testament.
Mrs. C. Mason Kinne, magazines and papers.
Mrs. Very, books.

DONATIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND KITCHEN, THROUGH MRS. BAKER AND MRS. FULLER.

J. H. Malone & Co., 1 rolling pin.
Albert G. Nye, chromo, English Kitchen.
Lowry & Co., 1 sack potatoes.
Hixon, Justi & Co., 1 box apples.
E. J. Cattarini & Co., 6 melons.
Stockton Mills, 1 bbl. flour.
J. N. Pike & Co., 4 lbs. tea.
California Cracker Co., 1 box crackers.

D. Mugan, lot squash.
National Flour Mills, ½ bbl. flour.
C. Campbell, ½ bbl. flour.
Castle Bros., 2 lbs. tea.
Abrams & Carroll, extract lemon.
Palace Bakery, bread.
Standard Soap Co., 1 box soap.
Mrs. J· Brannan, wedding cake.
Lyon & Kinsey, 1 brass candlestick.
J. B. Owens, 2 stone crocks.
Copson & Co., 2 brooms.
Golden Gate Mills, 1 bbl flour.
F. B. Taylor, 15 gals. coal oil.
Union Pacific Salt Co., 35 lbs. salt.
Eclipse Bakery, ¼ box crackers.
G. T. Hanley, 5 lbs. Star Tea.
Harrison & Dickson, 4 brooms.
McCullum, 100 lbs. codfish.
Armes & Dallan, 1 washboard, chopping tray and knife.
Baker & Hamilton, 1 keg nails.
Mr. Alexander, ½ cord pine wood.
Higgins & Collins, 1 cord wood.
L. Terkelson & Bro., ½ cord wood.
Calvin Nutting & Son, hooks and trammels.
C. C. Burr & Co., spices.
Davis & Cowell, 1 sack sand.
Larzelere & Witham, 1 sack potatoes.
Macondray & Co., 5 lbs. tea.
Rosekrans & Co., 2 locks and keys, 2 apple knives.
Rev. James Rowell, five dollars.
Mrs. Frink, fifty-five cents.

Through Mrs. Lambert.

B. M. Atchison & Co., 1 roll butter, 2 lbs. cheese.
Rouse & Laws, 1 bag beans.
Larzelere & Witham, 1 sack potatoes.
J. F. English, 1 sack potatoes.
R. H. Brown, 6 cheese.

Through Mrs Branch and Mrs. Hardy.

D. Biagi & Co., 1 box apples.
Cluff Bros., 4 lbs. coffee.
C. Jas. King of Wm. & Co., 1 keg of pickles.
Mrs. Scow, 1 box raisins, corned beef, brown bread and cake.
Mrs. Dyer, cake.
Nettie Lynes, ¼ lamb.

Mrs. Daggett, doughnuts and cake.
Mrs. Knights, cake.
Mrs. Hodgkins, cake.

Through Mrs. Tucker.

Mrs. Shuck, 1 side pork, 12 lbs. corned beef.
Mrs. Goodwin, cake.
Mrs. Knox, cake.
Mr. Barclay, 1 iron oven shovel.
Mrs. Borden, cake.
Potrero Yeast Co., yeast for six weeks.
J. S. Taylor & Co., yeast powder.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco.

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute Seamen, and to protect Seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this Port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect four gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1.—The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2.—The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to examine and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; in case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro tem.*

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and once in three months present a written report ef the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2.—All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to the r successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1.—Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of two and a half dollars, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership; such members, both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2.—All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wedn esday in each month at such place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

1st. The meeting shall be opened with reading of Scripture, and by prayer. 2d. Reading the Minutes. 3. Unfinished Business and Reports of Committees. 4th. Appointments of new Committees. 5th. Reports of Managers. Reports of House Committees, and Superintendent's monthly report; the appointment of House Committee for the ensuing month, and report of Committee on Application.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society, may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and shipwrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILORS' HOME."

SEC. 2. It shall be their duty, also, to appoint a Committee on Application, who shall have charge of the wardrobe for shipwrecked and destitute seamen, who shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make a report to the Society.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once a week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first meeting after the Annual Meeting, to appoint two members of their Board to act as a Purchasing Committee, who shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the "SAILORS' HOME;" examine and sign the requisitions of the Superintendent, also to receive the monthly report of the Superintendent, take charge of, and pay all bills, after they have been accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the "Home," returning the vouchers to the Secretary, and at a proper time prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 2. A Committee of four on Religious Services, shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath. There shall also be a Committee of two to have charge of the Library, and a Committee of two on Grounds.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco, on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such cases made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy, Mrs. Serena M. Goodall, and Miss Harriet Bunker were duly elected Trustees of said society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of said Act and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S.]
HARRIET J. BUNKER, [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

SAILORS' HOME,

FOR THE

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D. SWANNACK,
Superintendent.

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" J. Rowland.....941 Bryant Street
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" E. V. Brown.....828 Howard Street
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" Q. A. Chase.....Oakland
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DANIEL SWANNACK.

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REV. E. A. LUDWICK.

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Mrs. R. H. LAMBERT,
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OF THE

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1883.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We are very thankful to report that the past year has been one of greatly increased success for the Home. The business has been better than ever before in its history, and the opposition that has hitherto been felt has been in a great measure overcome. We hope, and believe, that there is a bright future in store for the Sailors' Home, of San Francisco. Having gone steadily forward in the good work of caring for the sailor, against all sorts of oppositions and discouragements, in the past twenty-seven years, the Society now feel encouraged to confidently expect substantial support from the merchants of San Francisco when they shall fully understand the benefits accruing to themselves, in the better class of sailors to be found in the Home, ready to care for their interests on the sea. The large number of sailors that have patronized the Home during the past year, will be seen by the report of the Superintendent.

Every dollar of income received by the Society has been expended in solid improvements in and about the Home. Eighteen officers' rooms have been added, and twelve stationary wardrobes, together with many other needed comforts, making the Home in much better condition than formerly. There are several things yet to be done, which the Society hope to accomplish the coming year.

Our meetings have been held each month of the past year. There has been a good attendance and a good degree of interest manifested in the affairs of the Society. We have to mourn the loss, by death, of one of our managers, Mrs. Fuller; also one of the members of our Society, Mrs. J. H. Coombs, Sr. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has cared for our Society and has kept our Managers and Trustees in health, and has spared to us our dear Mrs. Lambert, whose heart and life *is* and *has* been for so many years devoted to caring for "those who go down to the sea in ships."

The Committee on Application report but few calls upon them during the past year. All necessary assistance has been rendered to those in need, as far as our means would allow.

The Committee on Grounds report: That the grounds have been kept in good order. The picket fence enclosing the grounds has been painted, which has improved the surroundings of the Home very much. A building is to be erected on the lots north of the Home grounds, making it necessary to remove the board fence on that line. The Committee recommend that it be put up at the bottom of the grade on Spear street, and continue round to meet the fence on Harrison street.

Committee on Religious Services report: That the pulpit has been filled by the different denominations each Sabbath. They would return thanks to those who have preached "all the words of this life," and hope that still greater interest may be felt by Christians of every name in the spiritual welfare of the sailor, who spends his life and suffers great hardships to bring temporal blessings to dwellers on the and. Also, their sincere thanks to those who have given their services in the choir.

The House Committee report: Have visited the Home each week, and have always found everything in and about the Home in perfect order, and the larder well supplied with everything calculated to comfort the inner man. Under the careful supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Swannack, the Home is a *Home indeed* to many a weary and storm-tossed sailor. The Society fully appreciate their thoroughly good management of the Home and its surroundings.

The Library Committee have worked zealously to keep the library and reading room well supplied with books and papers; German and Swedish papers and magazines having been procured by them for

those who cannot read English; also a lot of temperance literature, which they trust may help the sailor to turn away from his greatest foe.

The Society desire to return thanks to all the Committees who have worked so faithfully and harmoniously for the good of the Home during the past year; particularly the Special Committees soliciting lumber and money for the inclosing and improvement of the Cemetery Plat, who performed their duties in a very able manner. We also desire to return special thanks to the Chairman of the Purchasing and Printing Committees, Mrs. Will H. Voorhees, who has given a large amount of time and ability to the work in those important branches.

To our worthy Chaplain, Col. E. A. Ludwick, the Society feel particularly grateful, for the constant care and interest manifested by him in everything pertaining to the Home; may the blessing of God rest upon him in all his work and labor of love for the benefit of the sailor.

The Society desire to return their grateful thanks to those gentlemen who responded so generously to the call made upon them for lumber to fence the Cemetery Plat; also to friends who donated money to erect said fence. They wish to make special mention of the kindness of Mr. Daniel Hanlon, Superintendent City Cemetery, for the assistance rendered the Committee in their work of procuring the Plat, and tender him a hearty vote of thanks.

Dr. Cogswell has offered to the Society a bronze monument, to be placed in the Cemetery Plat, if the money can be secured for its erection, and the Society feel confident that the generous-hearted men of San Francisco will respond in a substantial manner when they shall be called upon. As all are more or less dependent upon the good offices of the sailor, and as this Cemetery is a want long felt by the Society, and as it is for the burial place of sailors of every nation, with their wives and children, who may die in San Francisco, we hope very soon to have the monument in a position to be seen by all passing in and out of port, that the sailor may know that when the voyage of life is over there is a resting place provided for him.

We are grateful to God for what we have been permitted to do in the past, and pray Him to bless our efforts in the future, and that we may ever seek to do good as we have opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. J. McKINNON,
Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.

LADIES—The annual accounting time has come again, and I have the honor to make the following report of my stewardship: It is pleasant to be able to begin the report by saying we have no reason for discouragement. On the other hand, while all connected with the business of the Home is not just as we could wish it, our relations to the general business of shipping are much more favorable than when we reported last. The heavy stress of opposition which we were then encountering has, in a large measure, passed away, and the field is gradually becoming clearer. There is a certain kind of opposition from boarding-house men which we may hardly expect to see pass away until there are some changes made in the laws regulating shipping matters. While the custom of boarding ships in the stream to solicit, remains, and runners from boarding-houses are permitted to go armed with whisky bottles in the shape of persuasives or inducements, we can hardly expect to secure the proportion of men that would naturally come to the Home if left to sober choice. This custom, so dreadfully demoralizing to seamen, it does seem should in some way be prevented. It is certainly not too much to expect of the authorities that institutions designed to protect the partially defenseless against the unscrupulous who live by devouring them, should at least have an even chance with their enemies; and that the sailors should be left free and unrestrained to make their own choice of a home while in port, without being first seduced and overpowered with drink, and then literally dragged where they had not the least thought of going.

I have before called attention to the necessity of a change in the law regulating the payment of crews on American ships in Foreign ports. In the interest of seamen and of commerce alike, some change is demanded. If American ships were authorized to pay off their men in Foreign ports when they demand it, there would be a complete revolution in the feeling of sailors toward them, and they would seek, rather than shun, as they do now, our own country's vessels. It should be remembered that a large proportion of the men who go to sea on all vessels, our own as well as others, are foreign-born; and it seems

only just that when they reach a port convenient to them for visiting their native places, they should have the privilege of doing so without being driven to desert and forfeit their pay.

The passage of such a law would, as I believe, affect favorably the whole question of advance wages, and very probably make legislation for the regulation of that matter unnecessary. If the men were sure of securing their wages at the end of the voyage they would be less inclined to demand so much in advance. It seems to me probable that the matter of advances would be more effectually regulated this way than by abolishing altogether.

The sailor's bill for outfit must be covered in some way. However it is done it will amount to an advance. If the money is paid when the men are delivered on board it only changes the method of paying the advance and does not secure any advantage to the sailor. The law recently passed in England and now being tried, does not, if I am correctly informed, prove any advantage over the old system of advances.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages and oppositions of one sort or another, the business of the Home has increased largely during the year. The low rate of freights, causing many vessels to lie up the whole year, and some of them even more than a year, has of course largely influenced our business and prevented so large an increase over last year as we had reason to expect. But with all this our books show an increase of twenty per cent.

The Superintendent has made improvements at his own option about the Home in the way of grading and fencing amounting to seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Total boarders registered since Home opened	6,471	
Registered last year	1,431	
Board and merchandise charged during the year		$22,145.30
Deposited by boarders		13,596.50
Withdrawn or sent to friends		13,046.50
Remaining on deposit		550.00

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SWANNACK,
Superintendent.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.

LADIES—Another milestone is reached on the way, and we halt a little to remember all the way which the Lord has led us, and to gather up courage for the future. We began the year hopefully, and end it with a grateful sense that at least *something* of what we hoped has passed into reality. Not all we have desired and aimed at and prayed for has come to cheer our hearts and strengthen our hands, and yet enough to assure us that our labor is not in vain. Our work, partaking of the nature both of a quiet family and social influence and of aggressive missionary endeavor, has its difficulties, which few, if indeed any, can realize fully, who have not been more or less interested in, and associated with sailors. The open-hearted, impulsive nature of the men of the sea, renders them susceptible as readily to bad as to good influences. They are like clay in the hands of the potter, who may mould them while he is *present;* but alas for his work when he is absent and another of opposite purpose comes in contact with them. If the predominant influences about them were continuously good, there is perhaps no class of men who would be more easily led to and kept in a religious life. But their general surroundings and associations place them ten hours under evil influences for every ten minutes they are subject to good. Unfortunately, the water front, which is the general limit of the sailors' tramping ground, is populated largely by men who revile God, laugh at religion, and endeavor to belittle Christians, and make the sensitive seaman appear to himself a little weak to be influenced by "praying missionaries" and "singing women." So far as the sailors can see, the majority seems to be with the opposers of religion, and of course the natural heart very easily falls in with the notion that, after all, if we live as we are, we are as good as the generality of mankind, and thus they quiet conscience when it is awakened and they are drawn to feel the necessity of a better life. Beside the untoward influences about the men on shore, facts compel us to say that they have but little help on shipboard. Many of the officers are openly opposed to religion, and of late I find that, in one

way and another, through officers and doubtless sometimes through the sailors themselves, such works as those of Ingersoll, and others of a like character, are furnished for reading on the voyage, and men come in armed with arguments against Christianity such as I have not met with among them until lately. These books confirm, in a large measure, what the water front population have to say about religion, and so the sailor often thinks the opinion of mankind is expressed by them. Against all these adverse tendencies and influences we have headed our gospel craft and paddled as best we could, hoping and trusting, but sometimes not without great fears.

Our services of week nights and of Sunday afternoons have been held regularly, and we believe with good results. The attendance varies with the numbers in the Home, but from my knowledge of public institutions, where men of all nations and opinions congregate, the average is larger than is generally found. Much of this is attributable to the earnest and faithful assistance of some kind friends outside, who help us in the musical part of our services and make the meetings attractive to the men as well as profitable.

During the year we have had a number of men sick, nearly all of whom have fully recovered. One is at present in hospital from terrible injuries received in falling from the mast on to the deck of the ship. One died suddenly during the year, and was buried from the chapel.

I am able to report, with much satisfaction, a very large contribution of reading matter for distribution among the men going to sea. Over twenty-seven thousand magazines, papers and tracts have been collected and brought in, and our supply has quite equalled our opportunity for distribution, and leaves us some on which to begin the new year. I am especially indebted to Mr. Philip Cox, who collected and brought in more than half the entire amount. Besides this, there has been an addition to the library of over eighty-five volumes and a large map of the United States.

In the library department, I am sorry to say, we suffer much loss, and there seems no way to avoid it. When men become interested in a book and are about to leave for sea, they seem to have the idea very firmly fixed in their minds that the books are for their especial benefit and it is no harm to take them along. The only crumb of comfort left us is that possibly our loss is *somebody's* gain.

My personal duties have rendered it impossible to visit the hospital the past year as often as I have done in other years. I have gone often in thought and prayer, and hope others have been the good samaritan I would gladly have been myself.

I acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the assistance rendered us in our religious services by Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Coe and Mr. Over, who, I am persuaded at much sacrifice to themselves, have been faithful to our work among the seamen.

Respectfully,

E. A. LUDWICK,

Chaplain.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE FROM JULY 31, 1882, TO JULY 31, 1883.

Receipts.

Cash in hands of Committee Aug. 1, 1882	$22 40
Cash in Treasury Aug. 1, 1882	28 52
Interest	1 02
Received from Annual Membership	30 00
" " Life Membership	50 00
" " Advertising	20 00
" " Sailors' Home	1,107 15
Donations	45 00
	$1,304 09

Disbursements.

Paid for plastering and whitening	$434 00
" " lumber	140 00
" " printing and advertising	96 75
" " plumbing	35 70
" " paint	50 15
" " painting	92 75
" " household supplies	77 35
" " repairing bagatelle table	15 00
" " carpenter work	86 00
" " carriage hire	4 00
" " Chapel bell	50 00
" " relief and burial	58 25
" " kitchen utensils	34 20
" " building and repairs	91 45
" " incidentals	75
	$1,266 35
Cash in hands of Committee	8 20
Cash in Treasury	29 54
	$1,304 09

Mrs. C. E. COGSWELL, Treasurer.

Mrs. Will H. Voorhees,
Mrs. R. H. Lambert,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined and found correct.

Samuel Soule,
W. B. Ewer,
Auditing Committee.

CEMETERY.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to secure a Plat of ground for the burial of seamen and their families, report as follows:

Your Committee have procured from the City of San Francisco a Plat of ground 400 feet square, near the entrance of the "Golden Gate." The Plat has been surveyed and fenced with a substantial picket fence, and a contract has been made for the construction of the necessary avenues. The Committee, with pleasure, acknowledge that they received great assistance from Daniel Hanlon, Superintendent of the City Cemetery, in the procuring, surveying and fencing of the Plat.

SAMUEL SOULE,
Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The ladies of this Society have long felt the need of a suitable burial place for the sailors that may die in this port, as they seldom ever belong to any of the fraternal orders, and have no claims to any of the burial plats in our city and county; consequently it was decided at one of our meetings to make an application to the Board of Supervisors for a certain Plat of ground in the City Cemetery. It was granted us, and we then appointed Special Committees to solicit lumber for fencing and money to pay for building the fence and gateway and laying out the walks and macadamizing the drives, etc. The Committee met with good success among the lumber merchants, as the entire amount for enclosing the Plat was donated; (a list of the donors will be found on another page.) We have received $180 in cash, as the annexed report of the Treasurer will show; (the list of contributions will also be found on another page.) This will cover but a limited portion of the expense of improving the Plat, as the gateway is yet to be built, painted and lettered, the fence to be whitewashed, the walks and drives macadamized, etc. We would ask the generous public for still further contributions to finish the work that we have begun. The Committee

whose names are signed to this are empowered to receive further contributions; also the Treasurer of this fund, Capt. Oliver Eldridge.

Sailors of all nations or color, or their families, who may die in this Port, or are brought here for interment, shall be entitled to a *free grave* in this Cemetery. The expense of opening the grave must be paid by those having the interment in charge; they will also be required to place a board at the head of the grave, with the number plainly marked upon it.

Permits for burial can be obtained from the Secretary, Col. E. A. Ludwick, at the Sailors' Home, corner of Main and Harrison streets.

All business connected with the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society Cemetery Plat, must be referred to the *Cemetery Committee*.

Seamen with families who wish to obtain a lot, can do so by applying to the Cemetery Committee.

Mrs. R. H. Lambert, 323 First street,
Mrs. H. S. Tucker, 623 Third street,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Total amount of cash collected		$180 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for building fence	$82 50	
Paid for hauling lumber	40 00	
		122 50
Cash on hand		57 50
		122 50
		$180 00

OLIVER ELDRIDGE, Treasurer.

DONATIONS FOR 1882-83.

DONATIONS OF LUMBER FOR FENCING THE CEMETERY PLAT.

FROM—

Renton, Holmes & Co	1,000 feet.
Preston & McKinnon	1,000 "
Enterprise Mill and Building Co	1,650 "
A. M. Simpson & Bro	1,000 "
Pope & Talbot	1,000 "
Lewis & Swift	500 "
J. W. Wesson	500 "
Geo. B. Knowles & Son	500 "
Chas. F. Doe	500 "
Starbird & Goldstone	500 "
W. J. Adams	500 "
Turner, Kennedy & Shaw	500 "
C. A. Hooper & Co	500 "
W. H. Salsbury	500 "
S. H. Harmon	500 "
Hanson & Co	500 "

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IMPROVING CEMETERY PLAT.

FROM—

R. K. Partridge	$5 00	
Ackerson, Moore & Co	5 00	
Capt. Oliver Eldridge	5 00	
Mrs. Oliver Eldridge	5 00	
Mrs. A. L. Brannan	5 00	
Mrs. C. A. Kohler	5 00	
Mrs. E. T. Allen	5 00	
Gen. L. Story	5 00	
Cash	5 00	
Cash	2 00	
Mrs. H. S. Tucker	1 00	
W. T. Phelps	1 00	
Harry Jones	1 00	
Mrs. E. V. Brown	1 00	
Mrs. McCrellish	1 00	
Cash	1 00	
		$53 00

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IMPROVING CEMETERY PLAT—THROUGH MRS. R. H. LAMBERT.

FROM—

Balfour, Guthrie & Co	$20 00
C. V. S. Gibbs	10 00

C. Meyer Bros	$10 00	
Taber & Harker	10 00	
Firemans Fund Insurance Co	5 00	
Rosenstock & Co	5 00	
Sanderson & Horn	2 50	
Dodge, Sweeney & Co	2 50	
Cutting. Packing Co	2 50	
H. B. Angell	2 00	
"Chips"	2 00	
E. G. Gammell	2 00	
H. Pinckney	1 00	
C. Ingram	1 00	
A. Stein	1 00	
D. Farrer	1 00	
J. Laws	1 00	
Deming, Palmer & Co	1 00	
Miss E. L. Hood	1 00	
W. Palmer	1 00	
Capt. J. Baker	1 00	
C. T. Hopkins	1 00	
H. Jones	1 00	
		$84 50

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IMPROVING CEMETERY PLAT—THROUGH MRS. R. S. BARCLAY AND MRS. R. H. LAMBERT.

FROM—

Murphy, Grant & Co	$10 00	
Oregon Improvement Co	5 00	
W. F. Babock	5 00	
Capt. Chapman	5 00	
S. B Walsh	5 00	
Capt. T. N, Knowles	5 00	
A. A. Son	2 50	
J. Evans	1 00	
E. F. Bent	1 00	
A. H. Hathaway	1 00	
J. Walton	1 00	
E. B. Dean	50	
Cash	50	
		$42 50
Total		$180 00

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHAPEL BELL.

FROM—

Mrs. W. B. Collier	$5 00
Mrs. Jerome Lincoln	5 00

FROM—

Joseph Eastland	$5 00
Mrs. D. C. McRuer	2 50
Mrs. H. F. Williams	1 00
Mrs. Hutchinson	1 00
Mrs. E. V. Brown	50
	$20 00

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAPERS TO THE CHAPLAIN FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Mrs. F. W. Macondray, magazines	50
Mr. B. F. Owen, papers	485
Mrs. A. L. Brannan, magazines and papers	760
Mrs. H. S. Tucker " " "	340
Mrs. Will H. Voorhees " " "	120
Mr. Philip Cox, magazines, papers and tracts	14,300
Mr. Pepper, magazines	40
Rev. G. W. Beatty, papers	30
Mrs. J. Rowland, papers	150
San Francisco Flower Mission, magazines and papers	358
Mrs. R. H. Lambert, papers	150
Rev. W. R. Gober, papers	150
Mrs. H. H. Hughes, magazines and papers	100
Mrs. E. B. Cooper, magazines, papers and tracts	1,000
Methodist Book Concern, magazines, papers and tracts	1,200
Mrs. Dr. Crary, papers and magazines	80
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, magazines and papers	250
Mrs. R. A. Kendall, magazines and papers	100
Mrs. Middlemas, magazines and papers	60
Mr. P. Hanson, tracts	3,500
Y. M. C. A., papers and magazines	200
Mrs. Lizzie May, papers	230
Sent in without name of doners, papers	3,750
Mrs. A. Hillman, magazines	50
Mrs. C. M. Kinne, magazines	50
Mrs. E. Cutting, papers and magazines	140

Messrs. Cunningham, Curtis & Welch, stationery, ink and pens.

FOR LIBRARY.

Mr. Philip Cox, books	50
Mrs. H. H. Hughes, books	7
Mrs. A. L. Brannan, books	10
Mrs. E. Cooper, books	15
Mrs. J. Rowland, books	3
Mr. Whiteson, book	1
Mrs. Lizzie May, large map of U. S	1

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

FROM—

J. De Fremery, cash..... $25 00
Dunham & Carrigan..... .....one keg of nails
Hawley & Co.....nails
Daniel Swannack..... .....one keg of nails
J. W. Angell.....bill portfolio
Capt. S. Soule...copy of survey of Cemetery Plat and draft of diagram
Mrs. S. Soule.....frame for diagram
A. G. Spencer..... ....drafting paper

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Allen, Mrs. E. T.
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Buffington. Mrs. J. M.
Brannan, Mrs. A. L.
Barnes, Mrs. Wm. H.
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Loomis, Mrs. A. W.
McKinnon, Mrs. O. J.
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*Cushing, Dr. J.
*Dall, Capt. (S. S. Colum'a.)
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Hughes, Mrs. H. H.
Kellogg, Mrs. L. M.
Knights, Mrs. C. D.
Ludwick, Col. E. A.
Merrill, Mrs.
Reilly, Mrs. W. T.
Smith, Mrs. S. A.
Sawyer, Judge E. D.
Soule, Capt. S.
Williamson, Mrs. S. P.

*Deceased.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement. Also to provide a burial place for indigent seamen who may die in this port or be brought here for interment.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual eleetion, to elect four gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-Presinent and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to audit and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Society. In case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro tem.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, receive all money for membership and give receipt for the same, collect all money due the Society from the Superintendent and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and at every regular meeting present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1. Any person may become an annual member of the Societv by the payment of one dollar, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, such members. both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society, and shall be allowed the privilege of a vote at the regular Board meetings, unless denied by a two-third vote of the members of the Board present.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month at such time and place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1st. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
2d. Reading the Minutes.
3d. Treasurer's Report.
4th. Reports of Standing Committees.
5th. Reports of Special Committees.
6th. Appointment of New Committees.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Superintendent's report.
9th. Proposals and election for membership.
10th. New business.
11th, Miscellaneous Business.
16th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society, may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship-wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILOR'S HOME."

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting: Two members on Application, two on Purchasing, four on Religious Services, two on Library, two on Grounds, two on Printing, and two on Finances.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Application shall have charge of the wardrobe for ship-wrecked and destitute seamen, shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make a report to the Society.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Committee shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the Sailors' Home, pay all bills contracted for and accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the Home: make all settlements with the Superintendent where other than cash is received as payment; and at the close of the year prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Religious Services shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Library shall have charge of all books in the Reading Room, and shall be consulted as to all changes therein made.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall see that the grounds belonging to the Home is in proper order, and shall be consulted as to any changes that may be contemplated or made.

SEC. 7. The Printing Committee shall attend to the publication of the Annual Report, and all other printed matter ordered by the Board or Society.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and sign all bills before they are accepted by the Society or Board, examine the Superintendent's report, and consider all financial business of the Society referred to them.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to see that the Plat for the interment of the seamen and their families is in good order; that a correct record of all interments is kept, stating name, age, nationality, date of and cause of death, etc., and that the same be published in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once a week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed.

SEC. 2. The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco, on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such cases made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy, Mrs. Serena M. Goodall, and Miss Harriet Bunker were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, California.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of said Act and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S.]
HARRIET J. BUNKER, [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

NAMES OF THE SEAPORT TOWNS IN WHICH SAILORS' HOMES ARE ESTABLISHED.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
New Bedford, Massachusetts.
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Wilmington, North Carolina.
Galveston, Texas.
New York, New York.
Boston, Massachusetts.
Portland, Maine.
Charleston, South Carolina.
Mobile, Alabama.
Portland, Oregon.
Chicago, Illinois.

IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Sidney.
Victoria, Vancouver's Island.
Hong-Kong.
Calcutta.
St. John's, New Brunswick.
Madras.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
Melbourne.
Shanghai.
Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Bombay.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Bristol.
Davenport.
Dover.
Falmouth.
Plymouth.
Great Yarmouth.
Holyhead.
London—Well st. & Dock st.
North Shields.
Ramsgate.
Liverpool.
Hull.
Milford.
Swansea.
Gravesend.
Sunderland.
Southampton.
Cardiff.
Gloucester.
Lowestott.
Portsmouth.

IN IRELAND.

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D. SWANNACK,
Superintendent.

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1884.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

1884.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Another year has passed away, and again we come together at our "Annual Meeting." We can say with truth that we have much to be thankful for. The business of the Home has been constantly improving during the year. Our Board of Managers and Trustees have all been spared to still work for the Sailor. Not one missing from the list this year. And although our dear friend, Mrs. Lambert, has suffered much from ill health during the past few months, she is still spared to give her wise counsel, and help in the management of the "Home," and to work for the benefit of the Sailor, whose welfare is so dear to her heart. Our well beloved Chaplain, early in the year, met with a most painful and distressing accident; but God mercifully cared for him, and our Society, and has restored him to perfect health again, for which we do give most grateful thanks.

Our meetings have been held regularly each month, and an earnest desire manifested by all the members for the well-doing of those for whom we have labored so willingly. The Superintendent's report will show how large a number of Sailors have patronized the "Home" during the year. Every dollar of income has been expended in much needed and substantial improvements.

The dining-room has been changed, enlarged and re-furnished, so that double the number of men can be accom-

modated at the tables, and while there, can enjoy a fine view and pleasant surroundings, which with the good fare, make it attractive to all who come to the Home. The offices and store-rooms, and other rooms, have been changed and refitted in a style that does great credit to our Superintendent, who has generously donated both his time and money. May his energy and liberality meet with their proper reward. There has been a thorough renovation of the mattresses, and new ones added, so that all the rooms are supplied with new and clean beds. Our bedding and table-linen have been added to, and kept in good repair by our Superintendent's wife, to whom much praise is due for the interest she takes and the thorough and effective manner in which all is performed, in and about the Home, rendering it more comfortable and convenient for all.

The Committee on Applications report fewer calls upon them than in former years. They have been able to attend to all with perfect satisfaction.

The Commitee on Grounds report that the grounds have been kept in excellent order during the year. The building on the north of the Home, in contemplation at our last annual meeting, has been erected, and the fences and grading finished in a manner very satisfactory to the Society.

The Committee on Religious Services report that the pulpit has been supplied during the year by ministers of the different denominations. We would return thanks to all who have remembered the Sailor, and thought him worthy of hearing the "good news." May rich blessings from God rest on all who have aided in bringing the "bread of life" to those "storm tossed mariners."

The House Committee report having visited the Home regularly each week, and always find perfect order prevailing, comfortable clean beds, and good provisions well cooked. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. and Mrs. Swannack for their kind and thoughtful management, in behalf of those who tarry with them while on the land.

The Library Committee have been diligent in procuring books, papers and magazines, not only in English, but in other languages, so that there should be a supply of reading matter for all.

We would as a Society, express our thanks to Mr. Philip Cox,

for his valuable services in procuring reading matter for the "Home."

The Society tender their heartfelt thanks to all the Committees who have worked so faithfully for the good of the "Home" during the year, especially Mrs. Will H. Voorhees, Chairman of the Printing and Purchasing Committees, who has been untiring in her "labor of love," working early and late for the good of the "Home."

And to our worthy Chaplain, Col. E. A. Ludwick, who notwithstanding his severe illness, has given his earnest thought to the work of the Home, and by every act has shown how deeply his heart is interested in the welfare of the Sailor, the Society offers most sincere thanks, and pray that God will long spare him to work for those who need his help so much, and may an abundant blessing be on all his labors.

For the substantial improvements in the Cemetery, we are indebted to Mrs. R. H. Lambert and Dr. H. D. Cogswell. Mrs. Lambert had for years intended to have had her remains taken East (if she died in this city), to be buried with her husband in Greenwood Cemetery, New York; but she changed her views, put aside the long cherished desire of her heart to be laid with her loved one, and offered the amount set apart for that purpose to the Society for the improvement of the Cemetery, provided she have a lot in the same for the burial of four persons. The offer was accepted, and terms complied with. For the sacrifice made, may she be richly rewarded.

The passage of the "Dingley Shipping Bill" is a source of gratification, as the Society has long earnestly desired and labored for the passage of some such law. They believe it would be of great benefit to the Sailor, could it be honestly carried out, which they hope it may yet be.

Seamen wishing to have their earnings sent to their friends, in any part of the world, can rely on having such matters safely attended to by the Superintendent.

We give thanks to God for all we have been able to do in the past, and ask that He will be with us in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE, FROM JULY 31, 1883, TO JULY 31, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Committee, August 1, 1883	$8 20
Cash in bank August 1, 1883	29 54
Interest	1 06
Received from Annual Membership	33 00
" " Life Membership	50 00
" " Advertising	15 00
" " Sailors' Home	1,527 70
	$1,664 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for mattresses	$499 10
" " bedding and table linen	176 95
" " dishes and cutlery	121 95
" " printing and advertising	90 50
" " repairing boiler and tinware	65 50
" " kitchen utensils	25 75
" " chairs and tables	75 00
" " plumbing	16 40
" " repairing roof	50 00
" " whitening	16 25
" " lamps	8 75
" " window shades	6 00
" " paints	26 75
" " carpenter work	13 00
" " stationery	4 60
" " repairing sewer	6 50
" " relief	46 55
Paid to Cemetery Committee	171 50
	$1,421 05
Cash in hands of Committee	48 90
Cash in bank	30 60
Cash in hands of Treasurer	163 95
	$1,664 50

MRS. A. L. BRANNAN, Treasurer *pro tem.*

MRS. WILL H. VOORHEES,
MRS. C. A. KOHLER,
Purchasing Committee.

Found correct.

SAMUEL SOULE,
W. B. EWER,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Cemetery Committee reports the following improvements made in the cemetery the past year: The gate has been built, lettered, entrance painted and the avenues laid out, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors. The roadway in front of the cemetery has been macadamized; the foundation of the monument, donated by Dr. H. D. Cogswell, has been completed. The monument is on its way around Cape Horn, and is expected to arrive here in November. The lack of funds have prevented having the fence enclosing the plat painted, and making other much needed improvements. The Committee had hoped to have made an arrangement to have the sailors who die in the United States Marine Hospital, interred in the Seamen's Cemetery, but have as yet failed to do so. The hospital will not likely remain permanently where it is now located. In case of change, the bodies will have to be removed or their graves obliterated. The extra expense would be the opening and marking the graves, and would not exceed three dollars. Surely the Government would not object paying so small a sum to secure a permanent resting place for the sailor, when the storms of life are ended?

We wish to express our thanks to Capt. O. Eldridge, Treasurer of the Cemetery Fund, for the interest he has taken and courtesy shown to your Committee. To Capt. S. Soule we are under special obligations for his assistance in making our contracts for the improvements in the cemetery, and inspecting the work when completed, and aiding us in our business generally. We would not only thank Dr. H. D. Cogswell for his donation of monument, but for the time and earnest effort he gave in securing the best material for the foundation of monument and coping of plat, and making every arrangement for the work to be done in a thorough and workmanlike style, and on satisfactory terms, thereby, relieving the Committee of care. Our friends who have generously contributed funds to aid us in our work, will please accept our grateful thanks.

The British and other foreign consuls have been notified that sailors of all nations or color, or their wives and children, who may die in this port, or are brought here for interment, shall be entitled to a *free grave* in this Cemetery. The expense of opening the grave must be paid by those having the interment in charge; they will also be required to place a board at the head of the grave, with the number plainly marked upon it.

Seamen with families who wish to obtain a lot, can do so by applying to the Cemetery Committee.

The committee whose names are signed to this, are empowered to receive further contributions; also the Treasurer of this fund, Capt. Oliver Eldridge.

All business connected with the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society Cemetery Plat, must be referred to the *Cemetery Committee.*

Permits for burial may be obtained from the Secretary, Col. E. A. Ludwick, at the Sailors' Home, corner of Main and Harrison streets.

Total receipts to the Cemetery Fund for the year ending July 31, 1884		$610 00
Disbursed	$508 33	
On deposit for erection of monument	100 00	
Cash in hands of Committee	1 67	
		610 00

For interments see Secretary's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. LAMBERT, 323 First street,
MRS. H. S. TUCKER, 623 Third street,
Committee.

DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY FUND.

Mrs R. H. Lambert	$300 00
Capt. Charles Goodall	25 00
Gov. George C. Perkins	25 00
W. F. Whittier	10 00
California Mexican Steamship Company	10 00
Capt. William Kohl	10 00
R. McElroy	1 00
Advanced from Treasury of the Society	171 50
	$552 50

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUND.

Balance from last account	$57 50	
Collections, etc	552 50	
Total		$610 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for improvements	$200 00	
" " macadamizing roadway	208 33	
" " gate, painting, etc	61 00	
" " lettering	9 00	
" " posts for graves	4 50	
" " funeral expenses	21 50	
" " Committee's expenses	4 00	
Cash on hand for erection of monument	101 67	
Total		$610 00

OLIVER ELDRIDGE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF PERMITS GRANTED FOR BURIAL IN SEAMEN'S CEMETERY, 1884.

LADIES—I have the honor to report that permits have been granted during the year for interment in the Seamen's Cemetery as follows:

No. 1—Simon Erickson, a Norwegian, from the ship *Levi C. Wade*. Died February 22, 1883, of cerebral apoplexy; was buried in grave No 1417, Sec. No. 2, City Cemetery. Permit granted for burial in Seamen's Cemetery, July 28, 1883.

No. 2—Andreas Larsen, a Swede, from the steamer *City of Sydney*. Died November 12, 1883, of fever, and was buried in Marine Hospital Cemetery. Permit granted for burial in Seamen's Cemetery, November 17, 1883.

No. 3—John Bryant, an American, from the ship *J. F. Chapman*. Died December 3, 1883, of Bright's disease of kidneys. Permit issued December 5, 1883.

No. 4—William Lancon, a German, from the ship *Lucy A. Nichols*. Died December 14, 1883, of heart disease. Permit issued December 15, 1883. Mate of the vessel.

No. 5—Robert Wilson, an Englishman, from the ship *Morialta*. Died January 1, 1884, of fracture of skull. Permit issued January 3, 1884.

No. 6—William Eviers, an Englishman, from the ship *Camelia* Died January 1, 1884, of fracture of vertebra. Permit issued January 3, 1884.

E. A. LUDWICK,
Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.

LADIES—I have the honor to make the following report of the business of the Home for the year ending July 31st: As will be seen from the successive annual reports, there has been an advance each year in the amount of business done. The percentage of increase the past year has been much larger than was reasonably to have been expected, considering the lack of demand for wheat in Europe, and the consequent falling off of the usual demand for deep water sailors. Many of the men during this lull, were obliged to turn their attention to fishing, farming and other branches of work, while many who would have given themselves to deep water service, had there been any demand, were furnished chances on the coast. This has greatly increased the amount of coasting business done by the Home over any previous year since I have had charge. Singularly good fortune has fallen to us in the large number of deep water ships passing temporarily into the coasting trade, that sought their crews at the Home. This was not only to our advantage for the present, in handling the large number of men, who would otherwise have been difficult to care for, but it has given the Home permanent prestige in the matter of furnishing first class crews, with no trouble to the masters but simply to call for them.

At the time of my last accounting, you were engaged with the friends of seamen throughout the country in urging the passage of some measures by the Congress of the United States, for the better protection of the sailor, and to further the general interests of shipping. It is a matter for congratulation that the measures desired have become law, and are just now beginning to be carried into effect. Much of the new law will be executed to the letter, without opposition, and with no desire or chance to evade it. The abolition of the system of advance wages, throws "Jack" into a new order of things, to which it will probably require a little time for him to adjust himself. He must acquire habits

of economy to which he is now a stranger, and must learn to look after his own interests a little, instead of confiding so readily in any one who proposes to "manage" him and his affairs. The first prerequisite for the care of any man or class of men, is that they make an effort to care for themselves. No laws, however good they may be, can avail for the complete protection of any class of men who claim the *right* to protect themselves in their own way, and yet will not *exercise* that right.

Until the sailor shall have learned to economize his earnings, and care for himself, he perpetuates the necessity for some one to trust him for his keeping, and secure payment of the bill as best he can. Just how such claims are to be paid under the new law, is the question now to be settled. The methods so far adopted will manifestly prove no protection for the sailor against the greed of those who have hitherto fattened upon him under the advance system.

If those whose official duty it is to watch for the sailor's fair treatment, were to see to it that no more were exacted of him than is just and right, and that he be put on board the ships sober and in condition to know and tell how he had been settled with, a large share of the fraud practiced upon him would be prevented.

That feature of the law authorizing the payment of crews in foreign ports, is already having its influence on the sailors as to their willingness to ship on American vessels. Heretofore men have had to be coaxed or driven to go on American ships to Europe. Now they are as ready to go as on foreign vessels.

Take it all in all, there is much to be hoped for from the new law, when it shall have come into effective operation, and all efforts to evade it shall have been checkmated. It is to be hoped that means will yet be taken effectively to prevent the custom so terribly prevalent of carrying liquors on board ships, and furnishing them to sailors as a means of tempting them to places they would not think of going if left in their sober senses.

The coast is becoming clearer every year for the Home, and there is fair prospect that before long the opposition it has had to encounter, will disappear almost entirely. Every now and then there is a combination of some sort among its enemies for its injury, but it breaks to pieces by its own inherent wickedness.

The improvements made by your Board during the year, have added greatly to the convenience and comfort of the Home, and increased our facilities for making it attractive and homelike.

As a matter of convenience for myself in the management of our internal affairs, I have made improvements on my own account to the amount of nine hundred and sixty-three dollars.

Total boarders registered since Home opened	8205	
Registered last year	1734	
Board and merchandise charged for the year		$27,286.04
Deposited by boarders		14,382 60
Withdrawn or sent to friends		13,995.10
Remaining on deposit		387.50

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SWANNACK,
Superintendent.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.

LADIES—The record of another year is written. So far as we are concerned with it, either for good or ill, it is beyond our power to change. We can only hope therefore that wherein there has been imperfection in method and purpose, or failure in execution, an indulgent Father will find some palliation for it in those human defects which place a limit about all our best endeavors. That something has been accomplished for the moral and religious, as well as for the social and material welfare of those for whom we labor, I am well assured. That more might not have been effected, it would doubtless be presumption to assume. However this may be, we must let go our hold upon the past without burdening ourselves with anxious care as to what might *possibly* have been, or harrassing regrets over what *was*, but might have been different; and "forgetting the things which are behind, reach forward to those things which are before." We shall never hold up our hands to shut out the light of hope from the future, whatever the realizations of the past may have been. By many letters from far off ports and homes, and still more personal assurances of those who have sought counsel and help in our presence, we know that not all that has been sought has been vain, and so we take courage and press on, hoping, praying, waiting. Part of the year, as you are aware, I was laid aside from active work by serious misfortune. But it is most gratifying to be able to report that the general work of the Chaplain's department did not suffer loss, as friendly hearts and hands took it up where the Chaplain was forced to lay it down. I am under lasting obligations to my dear friend and brother Mr. A. R. Over, who so faithfully and efficiently carried on the work for me during my painful retirement. The meetings of the week were regularly kept up with large attendance and special interest. The Sunday services were also well sustained, for which the pastors of the city churches, who rendered help, deserve sincere thanks.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to those who, at sacrifice of comfort and their own personal convenience, have so faithfully contributed to the interest and success of our meetings. We especially make mention of our obligations to Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Brannan, Miss Canouse, and Messrs. Over, Coe, and Cox.

We have been abundantly supplied during the year with reading matter for distribution among the men going to sea, and for more permanent use in our library. More than twenty-eight thousand magazines, papers, books, etc., have been brought in, and all of a character to be useful as well as interesting. The fact that a smaller number of men have been engaged during the year for deep water service has made the demand upon us less, as men in the coasting trade have less time at their disposal for reading, and are more frequently within reach of facilities for supplying themselves. We have therefore quite a good supply on hand for beginning the new year. But I must not be understood to mean that we want less. We want all that we can get, and will find a place for it where it will accomplish some good.

Of this large amount of reading matter, Mr. Philip Cox has collected and brought in about two-thirds. He deserves and has my most hearty thanks for this timely help, without which I would have been able to accomplish much less in this department.

The library has been kept full by constant additions, making up for losses, which I am sorry to say I find no way of avoiding.

The men must have easy access to the books, if they read at all, and they seem void of any notion of such care of books as renders them serviceable for a great length of time. We shall have to hope that the public will have enough to dispose of to meet our wants despite the wastefulness of "Jack" and the leakages that cannot de prevented.

For some months past I have been furnishing a good quantity of reading matter for the Marine Hospital, and hope to be able to do so for the future. If any one duty affords me more pleasure than others, it is to minister in any way to the comfort of those who suffer, either in body or mind. God bless the hearts that are heavy, the eyes that weep, and the bodies that suffer.

We have not had many cases of sickness in the Home during

the year. Two of our number have died. Andreas Larsen died in the Marine Hospital. He was an excellent young man of but twenty-two years of age. I visited him a short time before his death, commended him to God, and left him to die, thousands of miles from home and friends, still not alone, for God was there. William Lancon died suddenly in his room at the Home, and was buried from the chapel during my illness. Rev. Aaron Williams conducted the funeral service.

I cannot close without making grateful acknowledgment of the kindness shown me in my affliction by the members of your Society, and of the inestimable service rendered me by Mr. and Mrs. Cox, and Mr. Over, Mr. and Mrs. Swannack, and many of our stalwart, kind hearted sailors, who seemed ready for any sacrifice that might prove to my advantage. I have proven alike and been abundantly satisfied with the loving kindness of my Heavenly Father and my earthly friends.

Respectfully,

E. A. LUDWICK,
Chaplain.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF READING MATTER.

FROM—

Mrs. A. L. Brannan magazines	322
Dr. B. F. Crary, papers	250
Mr. Philip Cox, magazines, papers and tracts	21 636
Capt. Wood, papers	1,000
Rev. E. F. Dinsmore, papers	265
Miss M. M. Madden, magazines and papers	350
Contributed without name. tracts and papers	1,200
Mr. C. Beach, papers and magazines	110
Y. W. C. A., magazines and papers	187
Mrs. R. H. Lambert, papers	136
Mrs. H. H. Hughes, papers	100
Mrs. E. A. Wilson, papers	118
Fruit and Flower Mission, magazines and papers	1,400
Y. W. Temperance Union, magazines and papers	120
Rev. J. Kimble, magazine and papers	75
Mrs. Hendry, magazines and papers	50
Rev. A. Williams, papers	40
Mrs. Will H. Voorhees, papers	45
Mrs. Hubbard, papers	25
Mrs. H. S Tucker, papers	20
Mrs. Lizzie May, papers	100

Cunningham, Curtis & Co., a large lot of stationery, pens, ink, &c.

FOR LIBRARY.

Mr. Philip Cox. books	764
Fruit and Flower Mission, books	36
Rev. A. Williams, books	5
Mrs Will H. Voorhees, book	1
Mrs Sarah Massey, books	12
Mrs. E. Gwyther, books	5

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

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Kohler, Mrs. C. A
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Ludwick. Col. E. A.
Merrill. Mrs.
Reilly, Mrs. W. T.
Smith, Mrs. S. A
Sawyer, Judge E. D.
Soule, Capt S
Williamson, Mrs. S. P.

*Deceased

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement. Also to provide a burial place for indigent seamen who may die in this port or be brought here for interment.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual eleetion, to elect four gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-Presi nent and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to audit and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Society. In case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro tem.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, receive all money for membership and give receipt for the same, collect all money due the Society from the Superintendent and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appoin ed by the Board

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and at every regular meeting present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1. Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of one dollar, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, such members. both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society, and shall be allowed the privilege of a vote at the regular Board meetings, unless denied by a two-third vote of the members of the Board present.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month at such time and place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1st. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
2d. Reading the Minutes.
3d. Treasurer's Report.
4th. Reports of Standing Committees.
5th. Reports of Special Committees.
6th. Appointment of New Committees.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Superintendent's report.
9th. Proposals and election for membership.
10th. New business.
11th, Miscellaneous Business.
16th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society, may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILOR'S HOME."

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting: Two members on Application, two on Purchasing, four on Religious Services, two on Library, two on Grounds, two on Printing, two on Cemetery, and two on Finances.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Application shall have charge of the wardrobe for shipwrecked and destitute seamen, shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make report to the Society.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Committee shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the Sailors' Home, pay all bills contracted for and accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the Home: make all settlements with the Superintendent where other than cash is received as payment; and at the close of the year prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Religious Services shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Library shall have charge of all books in the Reading Room, and shall be consulted as to all changes therein made.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall see that the grounds belonging to the Home is in proper order, and shall be consulted as to any changes that may be contemplated or made.

SEC. 7. The Printing Committee shall attend to the publication of the Annual Report, and all other printed matter ordered by the Board or Society.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and sign all bills before they are accepted by the Society or Board, examine the Superintendent's report, and consider all financial business of the Society referred to them.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to see that the Plat for the interment of the seamen and their families is in good order; that a correct record of all interments is kept, stating name, age, nationality, date of and cause of death, etc., and that the same be published in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once a week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed.

SEC. 2. The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco, on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such cases made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy. Mrs. Serena M. Goodall, and Miss Harriet Bunker were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, California.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of said Act and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S]
HARRIET J. BUNKER, [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

NAMES OF THE SEAPORT TOWNS IN WHICH SAILORS' HOMES ARE ESTABLISHED.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California.
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Wilmington, North Carolina.
Galveston, Texas.
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Boston, Massachusetts
Portland, Maine.
Charleston, South Carolina.
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Portland, Oregon.
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Sidney.
Victoria, Vancouver's Island.
Hongkong.
Calcutta.
St. John's, New Brunswick.
Bombay.
Madras.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
Melbourne.
Shanghai.
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Bristol.
Davenport.
Dover.
Falmouth.
Plymouth.
Portsmouth.
Great Yarmouth.
Holyhead.
London—Well st. and Dock st.
North Shields.
Ramsgate.
Liverpool.
Hull.
Milford.
Swansea.
Gravesend.
Sunderland.
Southampton.
Cardiff.
Gloucester.
Lowestoft.

IN IRELAND.

Belfast.
Cork.
Dublin.
Queenstown.

IN SCOTLAND.

Glasgow.
Greenock.
Leith.
Stornoway.

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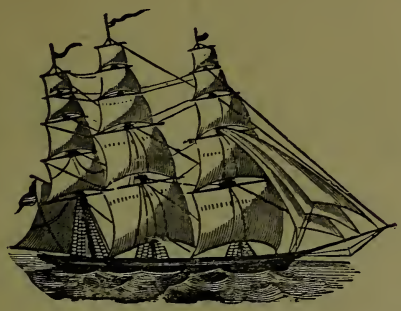
Seamen wishing to have their earnings sent to their friends in any part of the world, can rely on having such matters safely attended to.

D. SWANNACK, Superintendent.



Thirty-Third Annual Report

of the

Ladies'

Seamen's Friend Society

of the

Port of San Francisco,

California,

For the Year Ending July 31st,

1889

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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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For the Year Ending July 31, 1889.

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OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

1889.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. C. H. SYKES, President ..... 2103 Pine Street
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS, Vice-President ..... 1416 Sacramento Street
Mrs. E. B. COOPER, Recording Secretary ..... 628 O'Farrell Street
Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH, Corresponding Secretary, 325 Eighteenth Street
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Treasurer ..... 610 Folsom Street

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. W. H. Voorhees ..... 702 Post Street
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" W. T. Reilly ..... San Leandro
" R. A. Kendall ..... Oakland
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" M. J. Simmons ..... 1024 Golden Gate Avenue
" Philip Cox ..... 342 Fremont Street
" M. I. Jeanson ..... 2216½ Fillmore Street
" E. Gwyther ..... 806 Green Street
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" L. Pengelly ..... 2618 Bryant Avenue
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Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS.

Superintendent Sailors' Home.
Capt. L. D. FLETCHER.

Chaplain Sailors' Home.
Rev. J. CAMPBELL.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Purchasing Committee.
Mrs. W. H. VOORHEES, Mrs. C. H. SYKES.

Committee on Application.
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Mrs. PHILIP COX.

Committee on Religious Services.
Mrs. W. H. BARNES, Mrs. J. ROWLAND,
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Mrs. PHILIP COX.

Committee on Library.
Mrs. E. GWYTHER, Mrs. J. ROWLAND.

Committee on Grounds.
Mrs. L. PENGELLY, Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH.

Finance Committee.
Mrs. HARRIS JENKS, Miss E. BETTS.

Printing Committee.
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Committee on Cemetery.
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Capt. S. SOULE, W. B. EWER.

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OF THE

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1889.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Again we come together in our Annual Meeting. Your present Secretary, having held the position but a few months, does not feel competent to give a full report of all that has been done during the past year. The monthly meetings have been uniformly well attended, and the interests of the Home carefully discussed.

The time for which we receive a lease expired during the year, and the difficulty of obtaining a renewal resulted in the resignation of our former Superintendent and the election of a successor. We consider ourselves favored in securing the services of Capt. L. D. Fletcher, and earnestly hope that the institution for which we have so long gratuitously worked may, under his care, be abundantly successful.

Mrs. H. S. Tucker, a Past President of the Society, and always interested in its welfare, was removed from us by death in January. A memorial of her was prepared by a committee and will be found in the pages of our Annual Report.

The Application Committee have reported a number of cases for relief, and in every instance the help sought for has been freely given.

The House Committee have been very thorough in their examinations of the Home, and have attended to remedying any defects that they have found. The warmest thanks are due to Mrs. Sykes, the

Vice-President, who has been indefatigable in visiting and working for the improvement of all parts of the building.

Owing to the removal of the Chaplain and the change in Superintendents, the Sabbath services have been, to some extent, interrupted, but a meeting has been held on nearly every Sabbath of the year. We have had, temporarily, for a few weeks, the services of a Chaplain who is well qualified for the work and whom we hope to retain.

The Committee on Grounds has taken much pains to have the garden kept fresh and green.

The Library Committee, as of old, has been active in procuring books and papers. We need a new supply of books, as those in the library are nearly useless from age and decrepitude.

We believe our new Superintendent is the right man in the right place. A thorough temperance man, and upright, and a good disciplinarian, we trust that the year upon which we are now entering will see a marked advance in the prosperity of the institution, and in its favor with men of the sea and land.

Respectfully submitted.

MISS S. M. N. CUMMINGS,
Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.:

LADIES—I have the honor to submit the following report of business done in the Sailors' Home for the term commencing March 8th, to the ending of official year July 31, 1889. Owing to dullness in both foreign and coastwise business, our trade has not been as brisk as might be desired; such a state of things is not unusual for the season, however, and I believe the Home has had its share of the business, and indications point to an improvement in the near future. I am happy to inform you that I know of no opposition to the Home other than might be expected in any business. The buildings and grounds are in good condition, with exception mentioned to your Board heretofore. I am much pleased to see that there is a prospect of a resident Chaplain in the Home, without which I consider very detrimental to the institution.

The accompanying statistics will give you full information as to the workings of the Home during the above named period, viz.:

Number of boarders registered		626
Amount of money (as deposited) turned over to me by former Superintendent	$351 80	
Amount deposited by boarders	2,380 00	
Sum total	$2,731 80	
Amount withdrawn by depositors or sent to friends by request	2,519 05	
Balance in hand as deposits		$212 75

Respectfully submitted.

L. D. FLETCHER,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE, FROM JULY 31, 1888, TO JULY 31, 1889.

SOCIETY'S RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Committee Aug. 1, 1888	$62 15
No cash in hands of Treasurer Aug. 1, 1888.	
Cash in bank Aug. 1, 1888	566 62
Interest on same	14 01
Received for annual membership	21 00
" " advertising	20 00
" from sale of unclaimed baggage	110 00
" " " junk	1 00
" " Sailors' Home	2,418 25
Donation	13 75
Total	$3,226 78

SOCIETY'S EXPENDITURES.

Lumber and carpenter work	$512 55
Permanent improvements	459 12
Carpets and furniture	224 10
Bedding and table linen	338 75
Legal service and appraising	241 00
Relief to destitute seamen	171 50
Plumbing and tinning	161 05
Painting and glazing	106 25
Hardware and kitchen utensils	112 25
Crockery and cutlery	95 70
Printing and advertising	97 75
Percentage on bad debts	353 13
Funeral expenses	22 50
Service rendered to Society	53 00
Rubber goods	6 00
Taxes, city and county	4 00
Work in garden, washing, ink, ashes, etc	19 25
Total	$2,977 90
Cash in hands of Treasurer	226 30
Cash in hands of Committee	22 58
Grand total	$3,226 78

MRS. A. L. BRANNAN,
Treasurer.

MRS. C. H. SYKES,
MRS. M. J. SIMMONS,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined and found correct.
W. B. EWER, Auditor.

DONATIONS.

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BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PAPERS AND TRACTS.

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Mrs. Lizzie May.
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Mrs. E. B. Cooper.
Rev. J. Campbell.
Mrs. J. Rowland.
Mrs. A. L. Brannan.
Mrs. Schuyler.
Mrs. C. H. Sykes.
Mrs. W. H. Barnes.
Mrs. W. H. Voorhees.
Miss S. M. N. Cummings.
Mrs. L. A. Mosebach.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUND.

Cash on hand August 1st, 1888 ....$8 47
Remaining in hands of Treasurer August 1st, 1889..... ..... 8 47

All bills for interments during the year have been paid from General Fund.

OLIVER ELDRIDGE,
Treasurer Cemetery Fund.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CEMETEBY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1889.

Ladies—I have the honor to report that permits for interment in your Cemetery plat have been issued during the year, as follows:

No. 1—Simon Hunter, native of Shetland Islands, Scotland. Died in St. Mary's Hospital, this city, July 4, 1889, aged 47 years—consumption. Buried in grave No. 21, Section 1.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN FJEREM,
Secretary.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Henrietta S. Tucker, wife of Capt. Henry S. Tucker, was born in Eastport, Me., June 16, 1822. Died in this city January 20, 1889.

Words are inadequate to express, as we would wish, the worth of our fellow-member and Past President, who for many years has been so closely connected with the interests and success of this Society and our Sailors' Home.

Mrs. Tucker was a noble woman; a faithful friend; an earnest Christian; a conscientious worker—she had a generous, loving heart. She has been with us through all the varying and changing scenes which this Society has passed through in the years that are gone.

She was faithful to every trust reposed in her, never shirking any duty, but carefully performing her part, putting aside her own comfort and pleasure for the good of those whom this Society seeks to serve and help.

She was for several years President, and has served in other offices, and in all has been true to the best interests of the Society, whose success was so dear to her heart, and was ever ready to speak a word of good cheer to the weary hearted.

It will be long ere her place in this Society will be filled. It will be long ere her memory will have faded from our hearts; but we look forward with hope that we shall meet her again in that better land, where we believe she is now rejoicing with her Saviour.

MRS. O. J. McKINNON,
MRS. A. L. BRANNAN,
Committee.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Allen, Mrs. E T.
Buffington, Mrs. J. M.
Brannan, Mrs. A. L.
Barnes, Wm. H.
Barnes, Mrs. Wm. H.
Berry, Mrs. Sarah
Betts, Miss
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Sykes, Mrs. C. H.
Simmons, Mrs. M. J.
Voorhees, Will H.
Voorhees, Mrs. Will H.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Bigelow, H. H.
Blethen, Capt. J. H.
Cain, Miss A. J. (San Jose)
Cogswell, Dr. H. D.
Cogswell, Mrs. C. E.
*Cushing, Dr. J.
*Dall, Capt. (S. S. Columbia)
DeFremery, J.
*Farwell, Capt. J. D.
Goodall, Capt. Chas.
Goodall, Mrs. Chas.
*Kohler, Andrew.
Kohler, Mrs. C. A.
*Lambert, Mrs. R. H.
Loftus, Mrs. S.
Lux, Mrs. Chas.
*McLane, Louis
Miner, Mrs. J. V.
Perkins, Gov. Geo. C.
Palmer, Joseph C.
Platt, R. G.
Pope, Mrs. A. J.
Pratt, Mrs. A. A.
Rowland, Mrs. Jane
*Sather, P.
Swannack, Daniel
Swannack, Mrs. Daniel
Talbot, Mrs.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

*Austin, Mrs. L. A.
*Baker, Mrs. A. E. A.
Burrows, Mrs. George
Bunker, Miss H. J.
Barclay Mrs. R. S.
Brown, Mrs. E. V.
Knights, Mrs. C. D.
*Ludwick, Col. E. A.
Merrill, Mrs.
Reilly, Mrs. W. T.
Smith, Mrs. S. A.
Sawyer, Judge E. D.

*Deceased.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Clide, Mrs.
Ewer, W. B.
Eldridge, Capt. O.
Hughes, Mrs. H. H.
Kellogg, Mrs. L. M.
Soule, Capt. S.
Tucker, Capt. H. S.
*Tucker, Mrs. H. S.
Williamson, Mrs. S. P.

*Deceased.

AN ACT

TO RELINQUISH THE TITLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all right and title of the United States to the following described property is hereby relinquished to the City and County of San Francisco, the same being the two fifty-vara lots on which the old Marine Hospital now stands, fronting 275 feet on the north side of Harrison street, between Spear and Main streets, with a uniform depth of 137 feet 6 inches, as laid down on the official map of said city, to be used by the City and County of San Francisco solely for the purpose of a Sailors' Home; provided, that if the same shall be at any time used for any other than the purpose aforesaid, or if the said Home shall not be opened within one year from the passage of this Act, in each such case all the right and title hereby relinquished shall revert back to, and again vest in the United States.

Rules Governing the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society Cemetery Plat, Port of San Francisco, Cal.

Sailors of all nations or color, or their families, who may die in this port, or are brought here for interment, shall be entitled to a FREE GRAVE in this Cemetery. The expense of opening the grave must be paid by those having the interment in charge; they will also be required to place a board at the head of the grave, with the number plainly marked upon it.

Permits for burial can be obtained from the Secretary, John Fjerem, at the Sailors' Home.

All business connected with this plat must be referred to the CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Seamen with families who wish to obtain a lot, can do so by applying to the Committee.

MRS. L. A. MOSEBACH, 325 Eighteenth street,
MRS. J. ROWLAND, 1041 Bryant street,
Committee.

JOHN FJEREM, Secretary,
Sailors' Home, corner Main and Harrison streets.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

We, the undersigned hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco. on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such case made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy, Mrs. Serena M. Goodall, and Miss Harriet J. Bunker, were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, California.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of said Act and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S.]
HARRIET J. BUNKER. [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement. Also to provide a burial place for indigent seamen who may die in this port or be brought here for interment.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect five gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to audit and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Society. In case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro t-m.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, receive all money for membership and give receipt for the same, collect all money due the Society from the Superintendent and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and at every regular meeting present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1. Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of one dollar, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, such members, both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society, and shall be allowed the privilege of a vote at the regular Board meetings, unless denied by a two-third vote of the members of the Board present.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in August. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month at such time and place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1st. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
2d. Reading the Minutes.
3d. Treasurer's Report.
4th. Reports of Standing Committees.
5th. Reports of Special Committees.
6th. Appointment of New Committees.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Superintendent's report.
9th. Proposals and election for membership.
10th. New business.
11th, Miscellaneous Business.
16th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILOR'S HOME."

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting: Two members on Application, two on Purchasing, four on Religious Services, two on Library, two on Grounds, two on Printing, two on Cemetery, and two on Finances.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Application shall have charge of the wardrobe for shipwrecked and destitute seamen, shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make a report to the Society.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Committee shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the Sailors' Home, pay all bills contracted for and accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the Home; make all settlements with the Superintendent where other than cash is received as payment; and at the close of the year prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Religious Services shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Library shall have charge of all books in the Reading Room, and shall be consulted as to all changes therein made.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall see that the grounds belonging to the Home is in proper order, and shall be consulted as to any changes that may be contemplated or made.

SEC. 7. The Printing Committee shall attend to the publication of the Annual Report, and all other printed matter ordered by the Board or Society.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and sign all bills before they are accepted by the Society or Board, examine the Superintendent's report, and consider all financial business of the Society referred to them.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to see that the Plat for the interment of the seamen and their families is in good order; that a correct record of all interments is kept, stating name, age, nationality, date of and cause of death, etc., and that the same be published in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed.

SEC. 2. The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

NAMES OF THE SEAPORT TOWNS IN WHICH SAILORS' HOMES ARE ESTABLISHED.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
New Bedford, Massachusetts,
Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
Wilmington, North Carolina,
Galveston, Texas,
New York, New York,
Boston, Massachusetts,
Portland, Maine,
Charleston, South Carolina,
Mobile, Alabama,
Portland, Oregon,
Chicago, Illinois.

IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Sydney,
Victoria, Vancouver's Island,
Hongkong,
Calcutta,
St. John's, New Brunswick,
Madras,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
Melbourne,
Shanghai,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Bombay.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Bristol,
Davenport,
Dover,
Falmouth,
Plymouth,
Great Yarmouth,
Holyhead,
London,
North Shields,
Ramsgate,
Liverpool,
Hull,
Milford,
Swansea,
Gravesend,
Sunderland,
Southampton,
Cardiff,
Gloucester,
Lowestoft,
Portsmouth.

IN IRELAND.

Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Queenstown.

IN SCOTLAND.

Glasgow, Greenock, Leith, Stornoway.

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SAILORS' HOME

FOR THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

COR. MAIN AND HARRISON STREETS.

SEAMEN arriving in this Port are informed that the above Home is kept up by the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California, and is always ready for the reception of Boarders. The Home equals, if not excels, any similar institution in the world, and offers superior inducements to Seamen, having well-ventilated Bed Rooms, good Beds, Bath-Rooms, large Library and Reading-Rooms, well supplied with books, papers and periodicals. Good Board and every facility for shipping. Sailors are cautioned against parties representing themselves as runners for the Home or using name "Sailors' Home" for the purpose of enticing them to other Houses.

Seamen wishing to have their earnings sent to their friends in any part of the world, can rely on having such matters safely attended to.

Capt. L. D. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Thirty-Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

LADIES'

Seamen's Friend Society

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIFORNIA.

For the Year Ending July 31st,

1890

MARINE FIRE

FIREMANS FUND

INSURANCE COMPANY

Assets, - - - - $2,550,000 00
Losses Paid, - - - 9,000,000.00

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

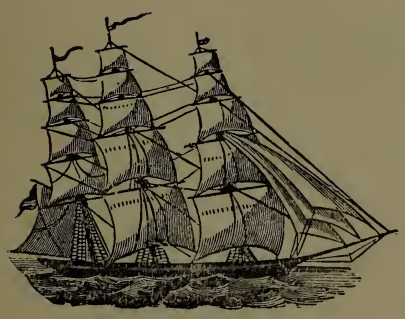
OF THE

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

For the Year Ending July 31, 1890.



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1890.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

1890.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. C. H. SYKES, President.....2103 Pine Street
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS, Vice-President.....1416 Sacramento Street
Mrs. E. B. COOPER, Recording Secretary.....628 O'Farrell Street
Mrs. L. PENGELLY, Corresponding Secretary.....2618 Bryant Avenue
Mrs. W. B. EWER, Treasurer.....1513 Clay Street

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. W. H. Voorhees.....702 Post Street
" J. Rowland.....1041 Bryant Street
" A. L. Brannan.....610 Folsom Street
" W. T. Reilly.....San Leandro
" R. A. Kendall.....Oakland
" R. S. Barclay.....San Rafael
" W. H. Barnes.....32 Octavia Street
" Philip Cox.....342 Fremont Street
" E. Gwyther.....806 Green Street
" L. A. Mosebach.....325 Eighteenth Street
" M. I. Jeanson.....710 Hyde Street
" M. J. Simmons.....1024 Golden Gate Avenue
" T. B. Tighe.....Abbotsford House
" O. J. McKinnon.....Sonoma

TRUSTEES.

Capt. OLIVER ELDRIDGE, President,
Capt. CHAS. GOODALL,
Capt. A. M. BURNS,
Mrs. J. ROWLAND,
Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH,
W. B. EWER, Secretary,
IRA P. RANKIN,
Mrs. C. H. SYKES,
Mrs. L. PENGELLY,
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS.

Superintendent Sailors' Home.
Capt. L. D. FLETCHER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Purchasing Committee.
Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH, Mrs. R. A. KENDALL.

Committee on Application.
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Mrs. PHILIP COX.

Committee on Religious Services.
Mrs. W. H. BARNES, Mrs. J. ROWLAND,
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Mrs. PHILIP COX.

Committee on Library.
Mrs. E. GWYTHER, Mrs. T. B. TIGHE.

Committee on Grounds.
Mrs. L. PENGELLY, Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH.

Finance Committee.
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS, Mrs. T. B. TIGHE.

Printing Committee.
Mrs. W. H. VOORHEES, Mrs. E. B. COOPER.

Committee on Cemetery.
Mrs. C. H. SYKES, Mrs. J. ROWLAND.

Auditing Committee.
Capt. OLIVER ELDRIDGE, W. B. EWER.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

1890.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In taking a retrospective view, we are encouraged by the consciousness that much has been done for the advancement of objects of the Society, looking to the elevating influence exerted for the sailors whom we have entertained in this Home, where they are shielded from the contaminating influence of intoxicants, and where a spirit of kindness and justice is exemplified in our intercourse with the seafaring men.

The Home is in a prosperous condition at the present time, and much of its prosperity is attributable to the wise and humane administration of the Superintendent, Capt. L. D. Fletcher, who is in full sympathy with the sailors, tempering justice with mercy, and we are pleased to bear testimony to his ability as a manager, and feel assured that he studies the interests of the Society in every particular.

Over sixteen hundred dollars have been expended on and around the Home during the last year in permanent improvements and many more are in contemplation in the near future, or as soon as sufficient funds accumulate in our hands to warrant us in further expenditures.

The attendance of members at the regular meetings has been good, showing that all feel a vital interest in the success of the cause, and the business of the Society has been conducted in a zealous and perfectly harmonious spirit. Within the last year we have perfected

arrangements whereby the lease of the premises has been secured for the term of three years. In view of that fact we now have an incentive to make such repairs as are needed to keep the Home in a comfortable condition, and make it a desirable haven to the "Men who go down to the sea in ships" and who need a safe harbor when on land, for we recognize the dangers which beset them in port, as far more formidable than the perils of the deep. On the ocean, there is the roar of the wind and storm, and all hands are alert to make every spar and rope taut and trim, and the presence of danger rouses every nerve to avert the effect of wind and wave; but on shore, their perils are of such a seductive nature, the victims are taken unawares. The bright saloon, the jolly comradeship, the innocent looking beverage, which catches the eye and pleases the palate, all these conspire to conquer the "Heroes of the Ocean" and they become as weak as Sampson in the hands of Delilah.

Our Home is a Teetotal Temperance house, and if the sailor will only resist the great temptations of the myriads of saloons, and avail himself of the protecting care of the Sailors' Home, he will save his money, and be able to ship on his next cruise sound in body and rich in purse; for we try to help him save his earnings, and the saloon is the greatest power we have to contend with to counteract our advice and influence. We hope to see a change in this behalf when prohibition triumphs.

Our chapel has been supplied with Sunday services; although we have not had a Chaplain permanently, we have always had church services. Friends have contributed musical talent, and several Musicales have been given for the pleasure and welfare of the sailors.

Our Library has been often replenished with current news of the day, periodicals and magazines, so that every sailor is fitted out with a package of reading matter when he sails. But we need books to fill our shelves. Books to remain in the library and be a permanent possession. Books such as we enjoy in the quiet of our own homes. We hope some philanthropist will open his heart and his purse and present our library with a gift of books, which will cause our Society and the sailor to rise up and call *him* blessed.

The grounds and garden have been kept in good order; the car-

riage-drive has been macadamized—over one hundred and sixty dollars having been spent on the roadway alone—and it is now in a fine, permanent condition.

The interior of the house has been thoroughly renovated, presenting an attractive and comfortable appearance at the present time.

Repairs and improvements have been made in the Cemetery grounds, and this, the last resting-place of the sailor, is robbed of its terrors, in a degree, by the grand outlook we have from that beautiful plat.

Death has been in our midst within the year. Captain Samuel Soule, late Trustee, who so aided us by his counsel, has passed away. He has gone to the "Land of the Leal," and we are left to seek aid from others.

Captain H. S. Tucker, also, a former Superintendent, has died. He was very efficient in his labors for this cause, but he passed away on the 20th day of January, 1890.

The almost tragic death of Captain Freeman, late Trustee, caused by asphyxiation in the hold of a burning ship, created a thrill of horror in the heart of the whole community, and gave to our Society another cause to bow in sorrow and awe at the contemplation of the inscrutible evidence of Divine power, and we recognize a still greater incentive to be "up and doing" while the opportunity is within our grasp.

We look with bright anticipations to the efficient work of the coming year, in view of the solid foundation we have been able to lay in the past, and confidently hope for success in our future efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. BRUCE COOPER,
Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.:

LADIES—I again have the honor of submittting the annual report of business, etc., done in Sailors' Home during my official year ending July 31, 1890.

I am pleased to note that (notwithstanding the unscrupulous opposition we had to contend with the first half of the year) our *combined* efforts have been crowned with success, if I may be allowed to compare with the previous records.

I have not deemed it necessary to respond to any of the many accusations made by outside parties, knowing that right would predominate. I am fully convinced our boarders appreciate the efforts made in behalf of them and their welfare.

I am happy to inform you that I know of no serious hinderance to the prosperity of the Home in the future, as in the past. You will observe the account of bad debts is quite large, the principle part of which is due to the non-payment of accounts of *coasting* seamen. This is not surprising, however, when we take into consideration the fact that there is no law to compel them other than integrity, these being of a class who never get advance wages.

The bonus (a question that applies *wholly* to seamen that sail to Europe and east coast of United States) is an absurdity; and should we get all the *ship pays* on the account of seamen, they would fare better in regard to outfits, etc., but such is not the case. Bonus is a matter that is never charged to the seaman, however; but did it not exist I think wages would be somewhat higher.

The buildings and grounds are in good condition, and with small expense can be kept so for some time to come.

I beg your Honorable Body to accept the following as donations from your humble servant:

Mounting of new map for reading room	$ 2 50
One national flag	34 00
Repairing fencing and material fronting Harrison street	5 00
Paints, oils, nails, and labor for same	5 29
Total	$ 46 79

Total number of boarders registered during year	1,769

Total amount received for board	$23,837 90
Total amount received for merchandise sold	13,153 90
Total	$36,991 80

Total amount deposited by boarders	$5,604 20
Total amount withdrawn by boarders	5,604 20

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. FLETCHER,

Superintendent.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF READING MATTER.

LIBRARY BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PAPERS AND TRACTS.

Senator Leland Stanford.
Congressman W. W. Morrow.
Messrs. Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Mr. C. Moody Plummer.
Mrs. Alanson Phelps.
Mrs. Richard Brown.
Mrs. Gwyther.
Mrs. Farlun.
Mrs. Boole.
Mrs. Vincent.
Mrs. T. B. Simpson.
Mrs. W. H. Barnes.
Mrs. L. A. Mosebach.
Mrs. Jane Rowland.
Mrs. M. O. Sykes.
Mrs. W. H. Voorhees.
Mrs. E. B. Cooper.
Mrs. Middlemas.
Mrs. A. L. Brannan.
Miss S. M. N. Cummings.
Mrs. Philip Cox.
Mrs. Lizzie May.
Mrs. R. Hendry.
Odd Fellows' Library.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE, FROM JULY 31, 1889, TO JULY 31, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Committee Aug. 1, 1889	$ 22 58
Cash in hand of Treasurer Aug. 1, 1889	226 30
Received for annual membership	18 00
Received for advertising	20 00
Received from Sailors' Home	2,311 49
Total	$2,598 37

EXPENDITURES.

Printing, advertising and postage	$ 65 30
Bedding and table linen	285 35
Crockery, cutlery and kitchen utensils	111 82
Taxes and lease	10 10
Funeral expenses and relief to seamen	62 80
Repairs at cemetery	10 00
Legal services	252 50
Special police	7 50
Carpet	27 20
Gardener	7 00
Tuning organ	7 00
Services rendered to Society	14 00
Percentage on bad debts	76 12
Interest	21 00
Repairing roof	350 00
Macadamized roadway	168 50
Repairs to sewer	21 00
Whitening, painting and glazing	514 00
Plumbing	78 65
Carpenter work	66 85
Miscellaneous permanent improvements	440 45
Total	$2,597 14
No cash in hands of Treasurer	
Cash in hands of Committee	1 23
Grand total	$2,598 37

MRS. A. L. BRANNAN, Treasurer.

MRS. W. H. VOORHEES,
MRS. M. O. SYKES,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined and found correct.
W. B. EWER,
CAPT. A. M. BURNS,
Auditors.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I have the honor to report that during the past year I have, in my official capacity, sent out 550 Annual Reports of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society to all the known corners of the globe, which includes charitable institutions, all Sailors' Homes; to the President, Senators and Congressmen of California; to our Governor and State officials; to the churches of this city, and many others who are in sympathy with this work.

Let us hope and trust that this bread cast upon the waters will return in the fullness of many days, to the solace and comfort of the poor sailor.

I have endeavored to conduct the duties of this office in a proper and efficient manner and retire with grateful thanks to the members of this Society for their many kindly courtesies during the year last past.

Your obedient servant,

MRS. L. A. MOSEBACH.

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUND.

Cash on hand August 1st, 1889	$8 47
Remaining in hands of Treasurer August 1st, 1890	8 47

All bills for interments during the year have been paid from General Fund.

OLIVER ELDRIDGE,

Treasurer Cemetery Fund.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CEMETERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1890.

LADIES—I have the honor to report that permits for interment in your Cemetery plat have been issued during the year, as follows:

No. 1—David C. Wasgatt, native of New York. Died at the Sailors' Home, of heart disease. Age unknown. Buried in grave No. 22, Section 1.

Respectfully,

JOHN FJEREM, Secretary.

In Memoriam.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL SOULE was born in Waterville, Maine, in 1807. Died in this city November 20, 1889, aged 82 years. Came to California in the year 1850.

Again has an all-wise Providence entered our circle and removed from our midst our trusted and highly-esteemed friend and Trustee, Captain Samuel Soule.

One who has been identified with the interests of the Sailors' Home for many years, and for the most part as Chairman of the Honorable Board of Trustees; and through all the vicissitudes and trials incident to those years of our history, we found his varied experience and wisdom as a counselor of inestimable value. His clearness of conception and expansive views embodying whatever good emanated from his association with his fellow-men, giving credit where due, and admonishing with Christain love where not in conformity with his views.

Charitable towards all, and always assisting in a substantial form those whom he considered and found worthy—for this and many other manly virtues we truly mourn his loss.

The memory of the just is blessed.

MRS. R. S. BARCLAY,
MRS. W. T. REILLY,
COMMITTEE.

In Memoriam.

Captain John H. Freeman was born in Provincetown, Massachusetts, in 1833. Died in this city, December 20, 1889, aged 56 years.

In recording the death of the late Captain John H. Freeman, the ladies of the "Seamen's Friend Society" are impressed with the greatness of their loss at this critical time in the history of the Society.

Though he had but for a short time identified himself with the interests of the "Home," he had shown himself wise in counsel, and interested in all which is meant to provide comfort for the sailor during his short time on shore.

As a seafaring man, he knew their peculiarities and the difficulties which almost prevent others from helping them as they desire.

The Society hoped for much strength and support from his well-known integrity and experience, and deeply regrets his untimely death.

To the bereaved widow we offer sincerest sympathy, praying that the hope of a happy re-union with the much loved one may be a strength and support to her in her loneliness as she journeys onward.

MRS. E. GWYTHER,
MISS S. M. N. CUMMINGS,
Committee.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Barnes, Wm. H.
Barnes, Mrs. Wm. H.
Betts, Miss E
*Coombs, Sr., Mrs. J. H.
Cooper, Mrs. E. B.
Cox, Mrs. Philip.
Cummings, Miss S. M. N.
Dinsmore, Mrs. S.
Ewer, Mrs. W. B.
Eldridge, Mrs. O.
*Ewer, Mrs. H. N.
*Ewer, Mrs. Martha D.
Friel, Mrs. D. E.
*Fuller, Mrs. A.
Gwyther, Mrs. E.
Jeanson, Mrs. M. I.
Kendall, Mrs. R. A.
Loomis, Mrs. A. W.
Luse, Mrs. Lydia F.
McKinnon, Mrs. O. J.
Mosebach, Mrs. L. A.
Pengelly, Mrs. L.
Reilly, W. T.
*Scott, Mrs. D.
Spaulding, Geo.
Sykes, Mrs. C. H.
Simmons, Mrs. M. J.
Tighe, Mrs. T. B.
Voorhees, Will H.
Voorhees, Mrs. Will H.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Bigelow, H. H.
Blethen, Capt. J H.
Cain, Miss A. J. (San Jose)
Cogswell, Dr. H. D.
Cogswell, Mrs. C. E.
*Cushing, Dr. J.
*Dall, Capt. (S. S. Columbia)
DeFremery, J.
*Farwell, Capt. J. D.
Goodall, Capt. Chas.
Goodall, Mrs. Chas.
*Kohler, Andrew.
Kohler, Mrs. C. A.
*Lambert, Mrs. R. H.
Loftus, Mrs. S.
Lux, Mrs. Chas.
*McLane, Louis
Miner, Mrs. J. V.
Perkins, Gov. Geo. C.
Palmer, Joseph C.
Platt, R. G.
Pope, Mrs. A. J.
Pratt, Mrs. A. A.
Rowland, Mrs. Jane
*Sather, P.
Swannack, Daniel
Swannack, Mrs. Daniel
Talbot, Mrs.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

*Austin, Mrs. L. A.
*Baker, Mrs. A. E. A.
Burrows, Mrs. George
Bunker, Miss H. J.
Barclay Mrs. R. S.
Brannan, Mrs. A. L.
Brown, Mrs. E. V.
Clide, Mrs.
Ewer, W. B.
Eldridge, Capt. O.
*Freeman, Capt. J. H.
Hughes, Mrs. H. H.
Kellogg, Mrs. L. M.
Knights, Mrs. C. D.
*Ludwick, Col. E. A.
Merrill, Mrs.
Reilly, Mrs. W. T.
Smith, Mrs. S. A.
Sawyer, Judge E. D.
*Soule, Capt. S.
*Tucker, Capt. H. S.
*Tucker, Mrs. H. S.
Williamson, Mrs. S. P.

*Deceased.

Rules Governing the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society Cemetery Plat, Port of San Francisco, Cal.

Sailors of all nations or color, or their families, who may die in this port, or are brought here for interment, shall be entitled to a FREE GRAVE in this Cemetery. The expense of opening the grave must be paid by those having the interment in charge; they will also be required to place a board at the head of the grave, with the number plainly marked upon it.

Permits for burial can be obtained from the Secretary, John Fjerem, at the Sailors' Home.

All business connected with this plat must be referred to the CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Seamen with families who wish to obtain a lot, can do so by applying to the Committee.

MRS. C. H. SYKES, 2103 Pine Street.
MRS. J. ROWLAND, 1041 Bryant street,
Committee.

JOHN FJEREM, Secretary,
Sailors' Home, corner Main and Harrison streets.

AN ACT

To Relinquish the Title of the United States to Certain Property in the City and County of San Francisco, California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all right and title of the United States to the following described property is hereby relinquished to the City and County of San Francisco, the same being the two fifty-vara lots on which the old Marine Hospital now stands, fronting 275 feet on the north side of Harrison street, between Spear and Main streets, with a uniform depth of 137 feet 6 inches, as laid down on the official map of said city, to be used by the City and County of San Francisco solely for the purpose of a Sailors' Home; provided, that if the same shall be at any time used for any other than the purpose aforesaid, or if the said Home shall not be opened within one year from the passage of this Act, in each such case all the right and title hereby relinquished shall revert back to, and again vest in the United States.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

We, the undersigned hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco, on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such case made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy, Mrs. Serena M. Goodall, and Miss Harriet J. Bunker, were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, California.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of said Act and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S.]
HARRIET J. BUNKER. [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement. Also to provide a burial place for indigent seamen who may die in this port or be brought here for interment.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect five gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to audit and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Society. In case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro tem.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, receive all money for membership and give receipt for the same, collect all money due the Society from the Superintendent and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and at every regular meeting present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1. Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of one dollar, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, such members, both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society, and shall be allowed the privilege of a vote at the regular Board meetings, unless denied by a two-third vote of the members of the Board present.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in August. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month at such time and place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1st. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
2d. Reading the Minutes.
3d. Treasurer's Report.
4th. Reports of Standing Committees.
5th. Reports of Special Committees.
6th. Appointment of New Committees.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Superintendent's report.
9th. Proposals and election for membership.
10th. New business.
11th, Miscellaneous Business.
16th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILOR'S HOME."

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting: Two members on Application, two on Purchasing, four on Religious Services, two on Library, two on Grounds, two on Printing, two on Cemetery, and two on Finances.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Application shall have charge of the wardrobe for shipwrecked and destitute seamen, shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make a report to the Society.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Committee shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the Sailors' Home, pay all bills contracted for and accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the Home; make all settlements with the Superintendent where other than cash is received as payment; and at the close of the year prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Religious Services shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Library shall have charge of all books in the Reading Room, and shall be consulted as to all changes therein made.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall see that the grounds belonging to the Home is in proper order, and shall be consulted as to any changes that may be contemplated or made.

SEC. 7. The Printing Committee shall attend to the publication of the Annual Report, and all other printed matter ordered by the Board or Society.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and sign all bills before they are accepted by the Society or Board, examine the Superintendent's report, and consider all financial business of the Society referred to them.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to see that the Plat for the interment of the seamen and their families is in good order; that a correct record of all interments is kept, stating name, age, nationality, date of and cause of death, etc., and that the same be published in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed.

SEC. 2. The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

NAMES OF THE SEAPORT TOWNS IN WHICH SAILORS' HOMES ARE ESTABLISHED.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
New Bedford, Massachusetts,
Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
Wilmington, North Carolina,
Galveston, Texas,
New York, New York,
Boston, Massachusetts,
Portland, Maine,
Charleston, South Carolina,
Mobile, Alabama,
Portland, Oregon,
Chicago, Illinois.

IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Sydney,
Victoria, Vancouver's Island,
Hongkong,
Calcutta,
St. John's, New Brunswick,
Madras,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
Melbourne,
Shanghai,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Bombay.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Bristol,
Davenport,
Dover,
Falmouth,
Plymouth,
Great Yarmouth,
Holyhead,
London,
North Shields,
Ramsgate,
Liverpool,
Hull,
Milford,
Swansea,
Gravesend,
Sunderland,
Southampton,
Cardiff,
Gloucester,
Lowestoft,
Portsmouth.

IN IRELAND.

Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Queenstown.

IN SCOTLAND.

Glasgow, Greenock, Leith, Stornoway.

IN OTHER FOREIGN PORTS.

Marseilles, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Havre,
Honolulu, Callao, Rotterdam, Yokohama.

SAILORS' HOME

FOR THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

COR. MAIN AND HARRISON STREETS.

SEAMEN arriving in this Port are informed that the above Home is kept up by the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California, and is always ready for the reception of boarders. The Home equals, if not excels, any similar institution in the world, and offers superior inducements to Seamen, having well-ventilated Bed Rooms, good Beds, Bath-Rooms, large Library and Reading-Rooms, well supplied with books, papers and periodicals. Good board and every facility for shipping. Sailors are cautioned against parties representing themselves as runners for the Home or using name "Sailors' Home" for the purpose of enticing them to other Houses.

Seamen wishing to have their earnings sent to their friends in any part of the world, can rely on having such matters safely attended to.

Capt. L. D. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Thirty-Sixth
Annual Report

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society

Port of
San Francisco,
California.

For the Year Ending July 31st,

1892.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

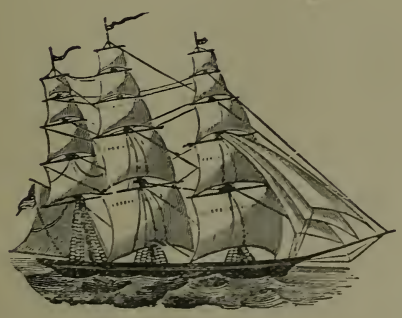
OF THE

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society

OF THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

For the Year Ending July 31, 1892.



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1892.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

1892.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. M. O. SYKES, President.....2103 Pine Street
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS, Vice-President.....1416 Sacramento Street
Mrs. A. McANNEY, Recording Secretary.....616 Eddy Street
Mrs. PHILIP COX, Corresponding Secretary.....1538 Folsom Street
Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN, Treasurer.....610 Folsom Street

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. W. H. Voorhees.....1313 Vallejo Street
" W. T. Reilly.....San Leandro
" C. A. Kohler.....Glen Kohler
" R. A. Kendall.....1265 W. Sixteenth Street, Oakland
" R. S. Barclay.....San Rafael
" W. H. Barnes.....114½ Ridley Street
" E. Gwyther.....1603 Mason street
" L. A. Mosebach.....325 Eighteenth Street
" E. Pierre.....Golden Gate Station, Berkeley
" T. B. Tighe.....1432 Broadway Street
" O. J. McKinnon.....Sonoma
" W. B. Ewer.....1513 Clay Street
" R. A. Sedgley.....N. W. cor. Bryant and Santa Clara Avenue
" Montague Yates.....418 Fremont Street

TRUSTEES.

Capt. OLIVER ELDRIDGE, President,
Capt. CHAS. GOODALL,
Capt. A. M. BURNS,
Mrs. W. T. REILLY,
Mrs. W. H. VOORHEES,
W. B. EWER, Secretary,
IRA P. RANKIN,
Mrs. M. O. SYKES,
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS,
Mrs. PHILIP COX.

Superintendent Sailors' Home,
Capt. MELVIN STAPLES.

Acting Chaplain,
ST. CLAIR BIDGOOD.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Purchasing Committee.

Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH
Mrs. M. O. SYKES.

Committee on Application.

Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN,
Mrs. MONTAGUE YATES.

Committee on Religious Services.

Mrs. A. L. BRANNAN,
Miss S. M. N. CUMMINGS,
Mrs. PHILIP COX,
Mrs. MONTAGUE YATES.

Committee on Library.

Mrs. E. PIERRE,
Mrs. E. GWYTHEE.

Committee on Grounds.

Mrs. R. A. KENDALL,
Mrs. L. A. MOSEBACH.

Finance Committee.

Mrs. W. B. EWER,
Mrs. T. B. TIGHE.

Printing Committee.

Mrs. W. H. VOORHEES,
Mrs. S. M. N. CUMMINGS.

Committee on Cemetery.

Mrs. M. O. SYKES,
Mrs. R. A. KENDALL.

Auditing Committee.

W. B. EWER,
Capt. A. M. BURNS.

Thirty-sixth Annual Report

of the

Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society

of the

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

1892.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We have just concluded another year's labor at the Home. We started one year ago on a good basis with our new Superintendent, Capt. Melvin Staples; and he, with his good wife and his co-workers in the Home, and our ever faithful President, Mrs. M. O. Sykes, and the united efforts of the Board of Managers, have made the Sailors' Home what it should be—a safe refuge.

For many years we, as a Christian band of workers, have toiled on and on with little or no encouragement save the expressions of gratitude from the poor sailor as he has had some of life's burdens lifted from him. Many times is he left destitute by sickness or shipwreck in a foreign land, without home or friends, no food, no money, and without clothing except what he has on his back; and many times robbed by the saloonkeeper or boarding-house master. But here the sailor finds food when hungry and clothes when in need. And yet we are often asked what do you do with your money? You that care enough for poor Jack to make the enquiry, we invite you to come and see how he is cared for at the Home.

While we have been looking after the welfare of the sailor, God has been watching over us all, and we can look to Him to-day with hearts of gratitude for his goodness and his blessings have crowned our labors.

The home never looked better than it does to-day, and never was in better condition. We have been able to fill our library with choice books—and its tables are well filled with good magazines and papers, donated by kind friends; the walls of the library room are adorned with pictures and maps—new chairs have been provided, and it is always kept clean and attractive, and the men spend many hours in this quiet place.

The meetings in the Chapel have been well attended, and with the interest that our acting Chaplain, Mr. St. Clair Bidgood, has taken in the services and among the sailors the work in that line has been encouraging. Over forty have signed the pledge and given up the use of liquor, and we trust that many have been brought to Christ. The Sunday services are held at three o'clock in the afternoon—and on Thursday evening at half past seven; the public are cordially invited to attend the services.

The Home has been very thoroughly renovated and cleaned during the year; kitchen, dining-room, halls and bedrooms have been whitened, the parlors papered and painted, and the old carpets that have been in use some 20 years have been replaced with new; the old picture frames that had almost become mouldy with age have been regilded and repaired, and some old time land-mark, as it were, taken down and the vacancies filled with new pictures. The fences have been put in repair and newly painted, and the Home with its words of welcome invites the homeward-bound mariner to its portals.

Early in the year the oldest member of the board was suddenly called to leave this and all kindred work and lie down to rest in the house appointed for all living. We pay our tribute of love to her memory as we sing:

> "How blest the righteous when he dies,
> When sinks the weary soul to rest."

As we enter on another year we thank God and take courage, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

MRS. A. McANNEY,
Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.:

LADIES—I have the honor of submitting the following report for the year that I have been in charge of the Home as Superintendent:

The year has been an exceptionally dull one in the shipping line. As nearly two-thirds of the ships have laid up and paid off their crew, which has left a large number of men in the Home with no chance of shipping them.

And on account of competition from the deep water boarding-houses, which brought the men's advance to so small a figure that they were unable to pay their bills, which explains in part the large amount of losses during the year.

The buildings and grounds are in as good condition as can be wished for.

The sailors in general seem to appreciate the kindness and good will shown them by the Board of Managers.

The accompanying statistics will give you full information as to the workings of the Home during the above period:

Total number of boarders registered during year	2,055
Total amount of registered receipts for board	$22,542 75
Total amount of registered receipts for merchandise sold	17,230 55
Total registered receipts	$39,773 27
Amount deposited by boarders	$ 5,461 20
Withdrawn by depositors	5,320 00
Remaining on deposit	$ 141 20

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN STAPLES.
Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE FROM JULY 31, 1891, TO JULY 31, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Aug. 1, 1891	$ 100 35
Cash in hands of Purchasing Committee Aug. 1, 1891	51 24
Received for membership	12 00
Received for advertising	15 00
Received from Sailors' Home	1,667 90
Received from Sailors' Home, extra percentage	517 62
Received from Sailors' Home, Capt. L. D. Fletcher	19 80
Legacy from Capt. C. P. Lolor	500 00
Donation	2 40
Total	$2,886 31

EXPENDITURES.

Labor and permanent improvements	$ 580 32
Bedding and table linen	197 16
Relief to seamen	171 90
Furniture and carpets	162 27
Crockery and glassware	102 10
Sewer and plumbing	92 00
Stoves, tinware and kitchen utensils	75 00
Printing, advertising and stationery	59 40
Books	68 00
Police	15 00
Funeral expenses	19 50
Lumber	5 85
Services rendered to Society	13 50
Repairing windows and locks	5 50
Percentage of loss on bad debts for first six months	333 25
Total	$1,900 75
Cash in hands of Treasurer	800 10
Cash in hands of Purchasing Committee	185 46
	$2,886 31

MRS. W. B. EWER, Treasurer.

MRS. L. A. MOSEBACH,
MRS. M. O. SYKES,
Purchasing Committee.

Examined and found correct.

W. B. EWER,
CAPT. A. M. BURNS,
Auditors.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF READING MATTER.

LIBRARY BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PAPERS AND TRACTS.

Capt. and Mrs. Staples.
Mrs. E. Gwyther.
Mrs. Philip Cox.
Mrs. M. O. Sykes.
Mrs. A. F. Phelps.
Mrs. T. B. Tighe.
Mrs. L. A. Mosebach.
Mrs. A. L. Brannan.
Mrs. W. H. Voorhees.
Mrs. A. McAnney.
Mrs. W. T. Reilly.
Mrs. R. A. Kendall.
Mrs. W. H. Barnes.
Mrs. E. B. Cooper.
Mrs. E. Pierre.
Mrs. W. B. Ewer.
Mrs. I. E. Hughes.
Mrs. F. G. Wood.
Mrs. E. T. Case.
Mrs. T. B. Simpson.
Mrs. Wm. Morehouse.
Mrs. A. M. Burns.
Mrs. N. P. Cole.
Mrs. R. A. Sedgley.
Mrs. I. Harmon.
Mr. O. B. Coe.
Mr. A. J. Kerr.
Mr. F. G. Wood
Charley Swanson.
Miss Francis Hawkins.
Miss Ida E. Bowen.
Miss Kate Benner.
Miss Edith Bryant.
Miss R. Sedgwick.
Miss Mary Loutham.
Miss Helen Ogden.
Miss Lizzie Atkinson.
Mercantile Library.
Fruit and Flower Mission.
Odd Fellows Library.

Generous donation of stationery from Cunningham, Curtiss &Welch.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, Cal.:

LADIES—I have the honor to make the following report of the work of my department for the year ending July 31st, 1892.

Being my first year with you, I cannot compare it with the past, but I can truly say the Lord has been with us, and has blessed all done in His name.

Meetings have been held in the Chapel regularly during the year. Average attendance about twenty-two. I cannot state the number of conversions during the year, because no one but He who knoweth all things can tell.

Since January 1st forty-eight have been persuaded to sign the pledge, and I know of but two that have broken it.

The money expended for the addition to the Library has proven a good investment, it has been the means of keeping many of the men in the Home, consequently away from man's worst enemy—the saloon.

The new books purchased are the best standard works; and since they have been added, Dec 13, 1891, and the book-case put under lock and key, there have been loaned out to the present date, Aug. 1st, '92, 831 volumes, and only 13 books have been lost during that time.

Besides the books purchased a large number have been donated. Also papers, magazines and tracts.

We have been able to supply every sailor with a well assorted package of reading matter to take to sea with him, for which I can assure the contributors they have all been very thankful.

We have quite a good supply to start with this year, but shall soon need more so I hope our kind friends will not forget us. We are especially in need of some in foreign languages.

To Mrs. P. Cox, Miss F. Hawkins, Mr. E. Ellis and Mr. Coe, who have so faithfully helped us in the musical part of our services, we here acknowledge gratitude. Also to other friends who have assisted us in many ways.

Very respectfully,

ST. CLAIR BIDGOOD,

Chaplain.

In Memoriam.

The echoes of the meetings and partings of our last annual gathering had hardly faded, when suddenly the sound of death's chariot wheels was heard. The oldest member of our Board, Mrs Jane Rowland, was called from her busy Christian life to the "rest that remaineth."

Mrs. Rowland was a native of Scotland, having been born at Cupar-Fife in March, 1831. In her person and character she displayed all the elements that make her country people what they are for value in this world. Her shrewd common sense—her fidelity to duty—her sympathy for all classes of the unfortunate—make her to be remembered and lamented by all who have been associated with her. In this Society she has been a tower of strength—serving faithfully as trustee, on various committees, and in every way helping as she could in word and deed.

We miss her as often as we gather, and pay this tributute to her memory, feeling that—

Others shall
Take patience, labor, to their heart and hand
From *her* hand and her heart and her brave cheer,
And God's grace fructify through her to all.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUND.

Cash on hand August 1, 1891.....$8 47
Remaining in hands of Treasurer August 1, 1892..... 8 47

OLIVER ELDRIDGE,
Treasurer Cemetery Fund.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CEMETERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1892.

To the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society:

LADIES—There have been no deaths in the Home during the past year and no permits for interment in your Cemetery plat have been issued.

Respectfully,
JOHN FJEREM, Secretary.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Since our last report the fears we have had that our Cemetery would be removed have been dispelled.

We have repaired the fence and had all graves remounded and the hedge trimmed so that it may grow into good shape.

The Committee, Secretary and Treasurer of this Fund are empowered to receive contributions.

For interments see Secretary's report.

Respectfully submitted.
MRS. M. O. SYKES,
MRS. R. A. KENDALL.

Rules Governing the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society Cemetery Plat, Port of San Francisco, Cal.

Sailors of all nations or color, or their families, who may die in this port, or are brought here for interment, shall be entitled to a FREE GRAVE in this Cemetery. The expense of opening the grave must be paid by those having the interment in charge; they will also be required to place a board at the head of the grave, with the number plainly marked upon it.

Permits for burial can be obtained from the Secretary, John Fjerem, at the Sailors' Home.

All business connected with this plat must be referred to the CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Seamen with families who wish to obtain a lot, can do so by applying to the Committee.

MRS. M. O. SYKES, 2103 Pine Street.
MRS. R. A. KENDALL, Oakland,

Committee.

JOHN FJEREM, Secretary,
Sailors' Home, corner Main and Harrison streets.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Barnes, Wm. H.
Barnes, Mrs. Wm. H.
*Coombs, Sr., Mrs. J. H.
Cooper, Mrs. E. B.
Cox, Mrs. Philip.
Cummings, Miss S. M. N.
Ewer, Mrs. W. B.
Eldridge, Mrs. O.
*Ewer, Mrs. H. N.
*Ewer, Mrs. Martha D.
Friel, Mrs. D. E.
*Fuller, Mrs. A.
Gwyther, Mrs. E.
Kendall, Mrs. R. A.
Loomis, Mrs. A. W.
McKinnon, Mrs. O. J.
Mosebach, Mrs. L. A.
McAnney, Mrs. A.
Pengelly, Mrs. L.
Pierre, Mrs. E.
Reilly, W. T.
*Scott, Mrs. D.
Spaulding, Geo.
Sykes, Mrs. M. O.
*Simmons, Mrs. M. J.
Sedgley, Mrs. R. A.
Tighe, Mrs. T. B.
Voorhees, Mrs. W. H.
Yates, Mrs. Montague

LIFE MEMBERS.

Bigelow, H. H.
Blethen, Capt. J. H.
Cain, Miss A. J. (San Jose)
Cogswell, Dr. H. D.
Cogswell, Mrs. C. E.
*Cushing, Dr. J.
*Dall, Capt. (S. S. Columbia)
DeFremery, J.
*Farwell, Capt. J. D.
Goodall, Capt. Chas.
Goodall, Mrs. Chas.
*Kohler, Andrew.
Kohler, Mrs. C. A.
*Lambert, Mrs. R. H.
Loftis, Mrs. S.
Lux, Mrs. Chas.
*McLane, Louis
Miner, Mrs. J. V.
Perkins, Gov. Geo. C.
Palmer, Joseph C.
Platt, R. G.
Pope, Mrs. A.J.
Pratt, Mrs. A. A.
*Rowland, Mrs. Jane
*Sather, P.
Swannack, Daniel
Swannack, Mrs. Daniel
Talbot, Mrs.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

*Austin, Mrs. L. A.
*Baker, Mrs. A. E. A.
Burrows, Mrs. George
Bunker, Miss H. J.
Barclay Mrs. R. S.
Brannan, Mrs. A. L.
Brown, Mrs. E. V.
Clide, Mrs.
Ewer, W. B.
Eldridge, Capt. O.
*Freeman, Capt. J. H.
Hughes, Mrs. H. H.
Kellogg, Mrs. L. M.
Knights, Mrs. C. D.
*Ludwick, Col. E. A.
Lolor, C. P. Mrs.
Merrill, Mrs.
Reilly, Mrs. W. T.
Smith, Mrs. S. A.
Sawyer, Judge E. D.
*Soule, Capt. S.
*Tucker, Capt. H. S.
*Tucker, Mrs. H. S.
Williamson, Mrs. S. P.

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*Deceased.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco," incorporated April, 1858, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable use of this Society.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, held in the City and County of San Francisco, on the fourth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, for the election of a Board of Trustees of said Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of said Society, and statutes in such case made and provided:

We, Rebecca H. Lambert and Harriet J. Bunker, were duly appointed the judges of said election, and counted the votes of the members and declared the result.

And we do further certify that, at the said election, Mrs. Catherine D. Knights, Mrs. Martha N. Thurston, Mrs. Eliza Beck, Mrs. Harriet R. Cushing, Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, Mrs. Mary J. Shelly, Mrs. Margaret A. Tracy, Mrs. Serena M. Goodall and Miss Harriet J. Bunker, were duly elected Trustees of said Society, and that the said Trustees and their successors in office are forever hereafter to be called and known as a corporation by the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the Port of San Francisco, California.

All which is hereby certified, according to the provisions of the Act entitled an Act concerning corporations, passed April 22, 1850, and particularly the eighth chapter of and the Acts extending said Act.

Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of August, A. D. 1858.

REBECCA H. LAMBERT, [L. S.]
HARRIET J. BUNKER. [L. S.]

In presence of
LEWIS PECK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This corporation shall be called the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to relieve shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and to protect seamen against the pernicious influences and injustice to which they are subjected in this port, and for such other purposes as shall tend to their moral and intellectual improvement. Also to provide a burial place for indigent seamen who may die in this port or be brought here for interment.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be controlled by a Board of Managers, to be chosen annually by ballot, who, upon a plurality vote, shall be declared duly elected. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty Managers.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Board, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, to elect five gentlemen and two Managers to act with the President, Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary as Trustees.

ART. V. SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall hold a regular meeting once in each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, with the concurrence of two Managers, seven members constituting a quorum. The meetings of the Society shall be opened with reading a portion of the Scriptures and by prayer.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have power to enact By-Laws, fill any vacancies that may occur in the number of Trustees, or in their own body, between the annual election; make contracts, appoint agents, and control all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the objects of the Society, but no lease, sale or mortgage can be given or taken without the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees certified to in writing by the Secretary for the time being.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to elect a President and Secretary, whose duty shall be to audit and sign the annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and at the expiration of their term of office to hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession, belonging to the Society.

ART. VI. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Society. In case of her absence, the Vice-President, and in the event of both, the Board shall elect the President *pro tem.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a register of the names of both Life and Annual Members, the names of donors, the amount of donations and subscriptions, receive all money for membership and give receipt for the same, collect all money due the Society from the Superintendent and pay over to the Treasurer, at each meeting of the Board, the money in her possession, taking a receipt for the same, and faithfully record all business transacted by the Society at their meetings. In case of her absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Board

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold, subject to the order of the Trustees, all moneys entrusted to her care, and at every regular meeting present a written report of the financial business of the Society to the Board of Managers. She will be required to give a receipt for all moneys received from the Secretary. Drafts on Treasury must be drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President and one Manager.

ART. VII. SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each Manager, if possible, to be present at the meetings of the Board; to keep a record of all the names of members obtained by themselves; solicit subscriptions and donations, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board; to conform scrupulously to the By-Laws which the Board shall enact for the furtherance of the objects contemplated, and also exert herself in every proper manner to extend the influence and advance the interest of the Society.

SEC. 2. All officers and managers, at the expiration of their term of office, shall hand over to their successors in office, all moneys, books, papers and other property in their possession belonging to the Society.

ART. VIII. SEC. 1. Any person may become an annual member of the Society by the payment of one dollar, and the sum of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, such members both Life and Annual, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.

SEC. 2. All members shall be entitled to a vote, and to participate in all the deliberations of the Society, and shall be allowed the privilege of a vote at the regular Board meetings, unless denied by a two-third vote of the members of the Board present.

ART. IX. The Society shall hold its regular annual meetings during the month of August of each year, at which time a written report of its proceedings must be submitted by the Board, and on its acceptance, measures shall be taken to insure its publicity. The Annual and financial report shall close the thirty-first of July.

ART. X. Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board, and if the amendment shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board, at its next regular meeting, it may be adopted by the Society at its annual meeting, or a special meeting of the Society may be called for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the same, provided the amendment refers to no appropriation of the funds of the Society, other than those specified in the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in August. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month at such time and place as the Board shall designate.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1st. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
2d. Reading the Minutes.
3d. Treasurer's Report.
4th. Reports of Standing Committees.
5th. Reports of Special Committees.
6th. Appointment of New Committees.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Superintendent's report.
9th. Proposals and election for membership.
10th. New business.
11th, Miscellaneous Business.
16th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Managers to supply themselves with a book, in which they shall record the names of members obtained by themselves, solicit donations and subscriptions, rendering an account of the same at the next meeting of the Board. Such members, both Annual and Life, must be admitted to the Society at a regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of all members present. Any member absenting herself from the regular meetings of the Board for three months without a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit her office. Suitable members of the Society may be appointed on committees in connection with some member of the Board. The nomination of persons to serve as committees must proceed from the Board, unless the chair be requested to nominate.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a wardrobe for destitute and ship wrecked seamen, to establish a suitable boarding-house for seamen, to be called the "SAILOR'S HOME."

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting: Two members on Application, two on Purchasing, four on Religious Services, two on Library, two on Grounds, two on Printing, two on Cemetery, and two on Finances.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Application shall have charge of the wardrobe for ship-wrecked and destitute seamen, shall keep the names of all applicants, the vessels they were in when wrecked; also, the number of garments given away. They shall present a monthly report to the Board, and when required, make a report to the Society.

SEC. 3. The Purchasing Committee shall, as far as possible, make all purchases for the Sailors' Home, pay all bills contracted for and accepted by the Board, and see that they are properly entered into a book at the Home: make all settlements with the Superintendent where other than cash is received as payment; and at the close of the year prepare an account of receipts and disbursements for the Society.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Religious Services shall have charge of the Chapel exercises, and see that services are held every Sabbath.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Library shall have charge of all books in the Reading Room, and shall be consulted as to all changes therein made.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall see that the grounds belonging to the Home is in proper order, and shall be consulted as to any changes that may be contemplated or made.

SEC. 7. The Printing Committee shall attend to the publication of the Annual Report, and all other printed matter ordered by the Board or Society.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and sign all bills before they are accepted by the Society or Board, examine the Superintendent's report, and consider all financial business of the Society referred to them.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Cemetery Committee to see that the Plat for the interment of the seamen and their families is in good order; that a correct record of all interments is kept, stating name, age, nationality, date of and cause of death, etc., and that the same be published in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A Visiting Committee of two or more shall be appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit the "SAILORS' HOME" at least once week, and to see that the rules enacted by the Society for its government are observed.

SEC. 2. The annual report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all Standing Committees, must be examined by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Any amendment or alteration of these By-Laws can be made by the vote of a majority of the Board of Managers at the next meeting after such an amendment has been submitted in writing.

NAMES OF THE SEAPORT TOWNS IN WHICH SAILORS' HOMES ARE ESTABLISHED.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
New Bedford, Massachusetts,
Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
Wilmington, North Carolina,
Galveston, Texas,
Baltimore, Maryland—2,
New Haven, Connecticut,
New York, New York—3,
Boston, Massachusetts—2,
Portland, Maine,
Charleston, South Carolina,
Mobile, Alabama,
Portland, Oregon,
New Orleans, Louisiana,
Chicago, Illinois.

IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Sydney,
Victoria, Vancouver's Island,
Hongkong,
Calcutta,
St. John's, New Brunswick,
Madras,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
Melbourne,
Shanghai,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Bombay.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Bristol,
Davenport,
Dover,
Falmouth,
Plymouth,
Great Yarmouth,
Holyhead,
London,
North Shields,
Ramsgate,
Liverpool,
Hull,
Milford,
Swansea,
Gravesend,
Sunderland,
Southampton,
Cardiff,
Gloucester,
Lowestoft,
Portsmouth.

IN IRELAND.

Belfast,
Cork,
Dublin,
Queenstown.

IN SCOTLAND.

Glasgow,
Greenock,
Leith,
Stornoway.

IN OTHER FOREIGN PORTS.

Marseilles,
Honolulu,
Funchal,
Amsterdam,
Callao,
Montevideo,
Hamburg,
Rotterdam
Buneos Ayres.
Havre,
Yokohama,

AN ACT

To Relinquish the Title of the United States to Certain Property in the City and County of San Francisco, California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all right and title of the United States to the following described property is hereby relinquished to the City and County of San Francisco, the same being the two fifty-vara lots on which the old Marine Hospital now stands, fronting 275 feet on the north side of Harrison street, between Spear and Main streets, with a uniform depth of 137 feet 6 inches, as laid down on the official map of said city, to be used by the City and County of San Francisco solely for the purpose of a Sailors' Home; provided, that if the same shall be at any time used for any other than the purpose aforesaid, or if the said Home shall not be opened within one year from the passage of this Act, in each such case all the right and title hereby relinquished shall revert back to, and again vest in the United States.

Approved Aug 11-18[illegible]

SAILORS' HOME

FOR THE

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Cor. Main and Harrison Streets.

SEAMEN arriving in this port are informed that the above Home is kept up by the "LADIES' SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," of the Port of San Francisco, California, and is always ready for the reception of boarders. The Home equals, if not excels, any similar institution in the world, and offers superior inducements to Seamen, having well-ventilated Bed Rooms, good Beds, Bath Rooms, large Library and Reading Rooms well supplied with books, papers and periodicals. Good board and every facility for shipping. Sailors are cautioned against parties representing themselves as runners for the Home or using the name "Sailors' Home" for the purpose of enticing them to other Houses.

Seamen wishing to have their earnings sent to their friends in any part of the world, can rely on having such matters safely attended to.

Capt. MELVIN STAPLES, Superintendent.